

THE TROUBLE WITH SAND CASTLES

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BIG IDEA: Calling Jesus, “Lord,” means hearing him and doing what he says, which has real-world, ripple-effects our lives.

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.” **Matthew 15:8** (Is. 29:13)

What does it mean to call Jesus, “Lord”?

You are no longer in charge. He is.

1. We HEAR him and OBEY him.

2. We are LISTENING for and HEARING him.

“Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God’s way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.” **2 Tim 3:16-17 MESSAGE**

As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.” **Luke 6:46–49**

3. Hearing and doing STABILIZES us in the storms of life.

What you build your life on matters.

“Keep on being doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.” **James 1:22 ISV**

4. Hearing and not doing DESTABILIZES us in the storms of life.