

WE GROW TOGETHER

Matthew 7:24-29
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INTRO:

1. Calamities in the past
2. Calamities in the present

A. **EXPECTATION**: WE WILL FACE ALL KINDS OF TRIALS IN OUR LIVES

1. Jesus taught us this through a **prayer** (v. 6:13)
2. Jesus taught us this through a **parable** (v. 7:25)

B. **PREPARATION**: WHAT WE VALUE DETERMINES OUR FUTURE

1. Determine where you are **going** (v. 13-14)
2. Determine who you are **following** (v. 15-19)
3. Determine what you are **perceiving** (v. 21-23)
4. Determine how you are **building** (v. 24-29)

C. **APPLICATION**: WHAT WE PRACTICE DETERMINES OUR GROWTH

The example of the Berean Christians (Acts 17:10-12)

1. A **gathering** community (v. 10)
2. A **listening** community (v. 11a)
3. A **studying** community (v. 11b)
4. A **believing** community (v. 12)

CONCLUSION:

John 6:66-68

“At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. ⁶⁷ Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, “Are you also going to leave?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter replied, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life.