

I'd rather attend
church with messed
up people who love
God, than religious
people who dislike
messed up people.

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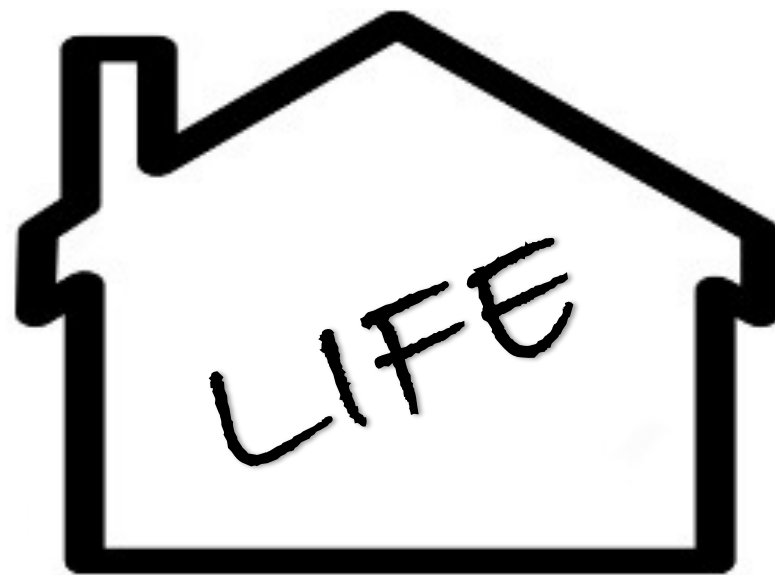
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from Mark's Gospel

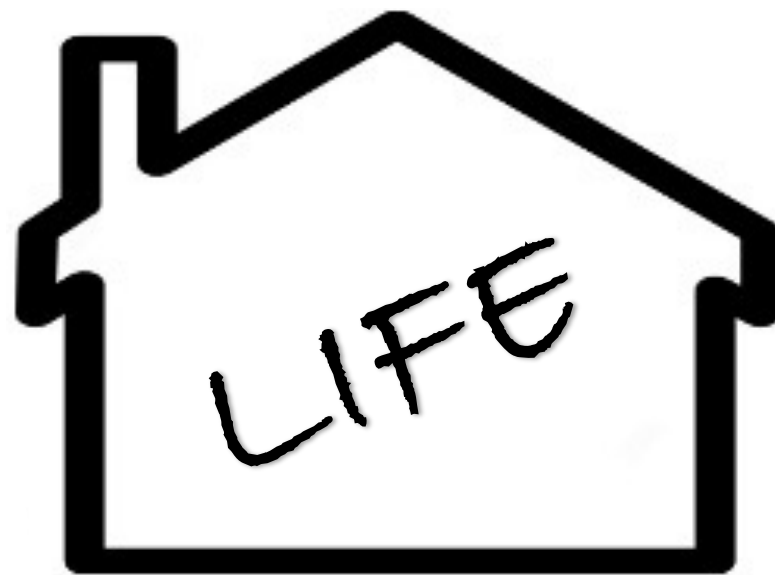
**A Foundational
Battle**

Mark 7:1-30

**We should build our
house on....**



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house on....



firm foundation

Building on a Firm Foundation

“²⁴Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.”

Matthew 7:24-27

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Building on a Firm Foundation

“²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Matthew 7:24-27

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The attack of...

Human Traditions



Results of the Attacks



External actions do not
provide righteousness


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The attack of....

False Beliefs



Results of the Attacks



Hypocrisy happens when
I commit to the rules but
miss the heart of God

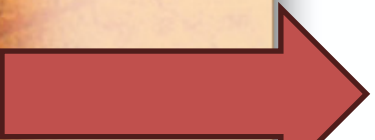
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The attack of...



Cultural
Standards

Results of the Attacks



Life should be built upon
the foundation of
God's designs and not on
shifting cultural
NORMS

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1. **God's message is** *available to everyone.*

“²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.”

Mark 7:25-26



**Why the battle
is worth
fighting**

2. **God cares about** *our character.*

“²⁷And he said to her, ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.’ ²⁸But she answered him, ‘Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’”

Mark 7:27-28



**Why the battle
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3. **God responds to God seekers, not good doers.**

“²⁹ And he said to her, ‘For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.’

³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.’”

Mark 7:29-30



**Why the battle
is worth
fighting**

The Woman's Faith...

- is responsive and persistent

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- is responsive and persistent
- demonstrates humility

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The Woman's Faith...

- is responsive and persistent
- demonstrates humility
- is what makes the difference

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