

"The Meaning of Life" Work in Progress series Pastor Mark 7.12.20

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine & puts them into practice is like a wise man who build his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house <u>on sand</u>. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it <u>fell</u> with a great crash." Matthew 7:24-27

How do we make sense of life's greatest mystery, the meaning of life? We have 3 choices:

Choice #1: Believe there is NO STORY

• "In the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, 'Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.' " 2 Peter 3:3-4

Choice #2: Make up YOUR OWN STORY

• *"For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their <u>itching ears want to hear</u>. They will turn their ears <u>away from the truth</u> and turn aside to <u>myths</u>." 2 Timothy 4:3-4*

Choice #3: Become part of GOD'S STORY

- "Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become <u>children of</u> <u>God</u>." John 1:12
- "What may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation
 of the world God's invisible qualities His eternal power and divine nature have been <u>clearly seen</u>, being
 understood from what has been made, so that men are <u>without excuse.</u>" Romans 1:19-20
- "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

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<u>TRUTH</u> becomes the foundation for our worldview, & worldview becomes the basis for our <u>ACTIONS</u>
 AND BEHAVIORS.

Continue the Conversation:

- 1) When it comes to the meaning of life, which choice is yours:
 - a) Believe there is no story.
 - b) Make up your own story.
 - c) Become part of God's story.
- 2) Building our lives on the wrong foundations has consequences.
 - What does that mean to you?
 - What wrong foundations have you, now or in the past, built your life on?