Forgiveness, Fruit and Foundations



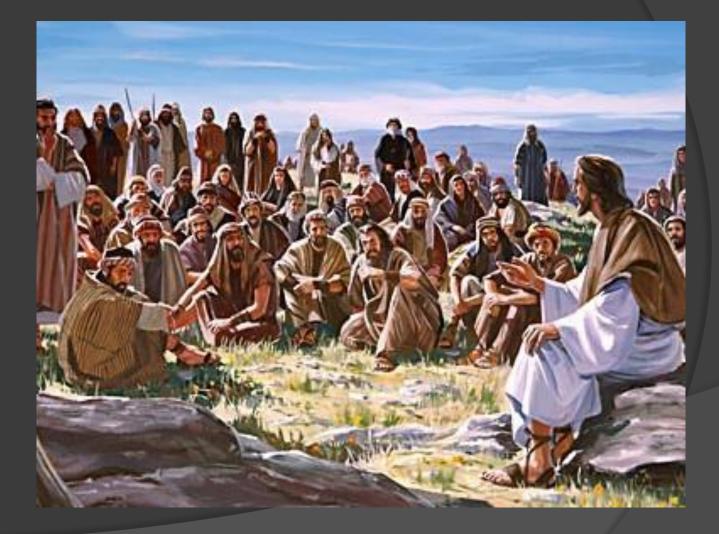
### Jesus' ministry in Galilee

### Proclaiming the year of the Lord's favour



### Luke 6: Sermon on the plain

Blessings and Woes Loving your enemies



### Luke 6:37-49

ForgivingJudging and Hypocrisy

Bearing FruitGood trees & bad trees

Spiritual FoundationsBuilding on sand and rock







### Blind leading the blind v39-40



# Judging



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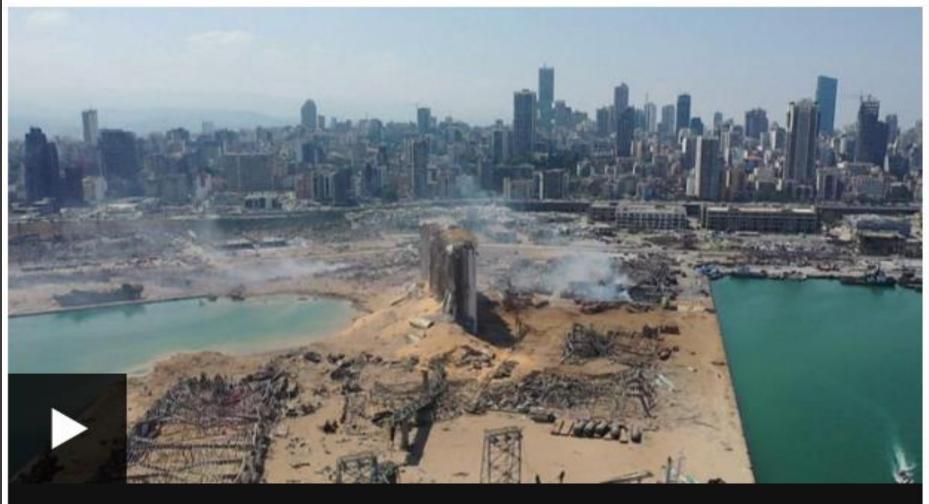


Coronavirus pandemic



Boris Johnson says there will be an independent inquiry, but that now is not the time

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Aerial footage shows flattened buildings after an explosion in Beirut's port area

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### Judging others

When we judge we forget that God has shown us
Forgiveness

Generosity

#### Instead

- Offer others benefit of doubt and a second chance
- Be forgiving and generous

### Leave Judgement to God

 we shall all have to face him and give account even if the price is paid for us The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"



"No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

John 8:3-11

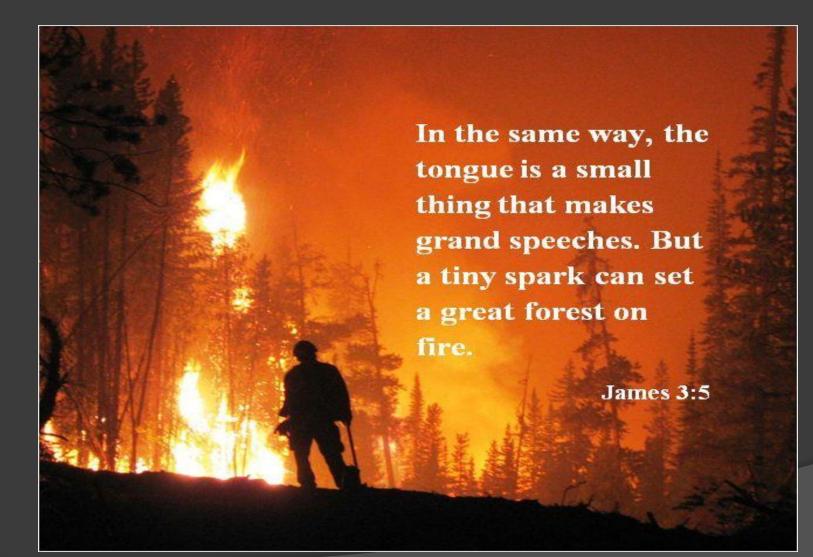


# Planks and specks





### Our words are sparks



## For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

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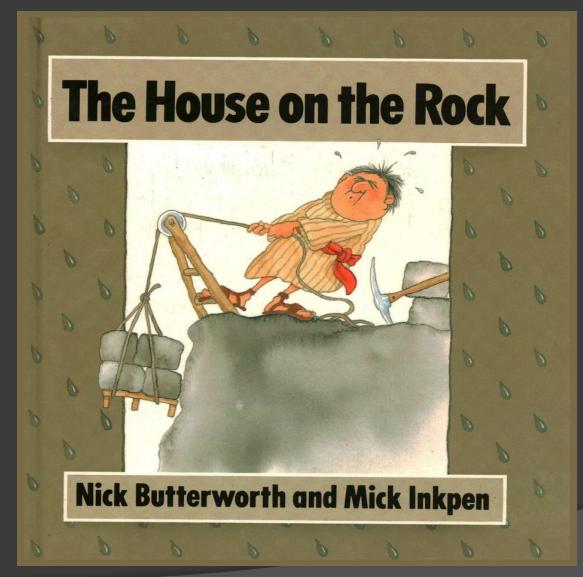
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If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 NIV

### Fruitful trees

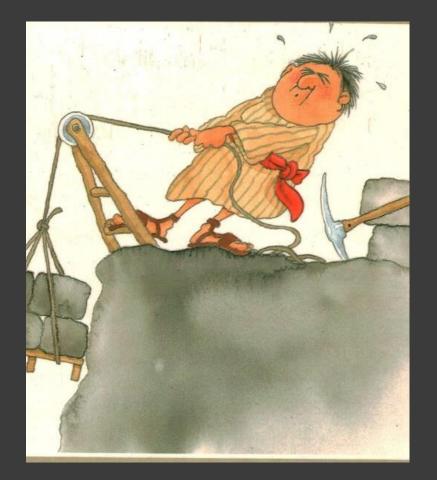


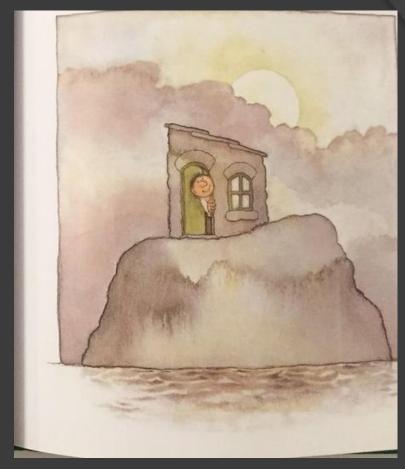
### Stories Jesus Told





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: 49 NIV

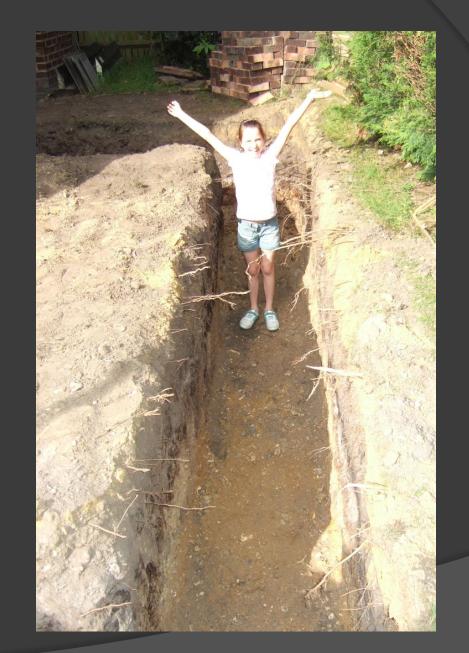




As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. <sup>48</sup> They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. Luke 6:47-48 NIV



### Foundations for our extension







# When foundations and roots fail

# The LORD

IS MY ROCK, MY FORTRESS, AND MY DELIVERER, MY GOD, MY ROCK WHERE I SEEK REFUGE, MY SHIELD AND THE HORN OF MY SALVATION, MY STRONGHOLD.

Psalm 18:2

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Faithful one, so unchanging Ageless one, You're my rock of peace Lord of all I depend on You I call out to You Again and again

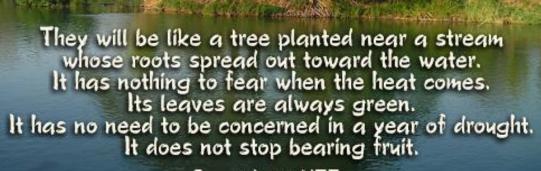
You are my rock in times of trouble You lift me up when I fall down All through the storm, Your love is The anchor, My hope is in You alone

**Brian Doerkson** 

HE WILL BE LIKE A TREE FIRMLY PLANTED BY STREAMS OF WATER, WHICH YIELDS ITS FRUIT IN ITS SEASON AND ITS LEAF DOES NOT WITHER; AND IN WHATEVER HE DOES, HE PROSPERS.

PSALM 1:3

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Jeremiah 17:8 NET

### A spiritual X-Ray / MRI

<sup>23</sup> Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
<sup>24</sup> See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting

Psalm 139: 23-24



### Ask yourself

- Could I have been
- More loving?
- More caring?
- More understanding?
- More sympathetic?
- More forgiving?
- More generous?

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