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Scripture is from the King James Version. The words of Jesus are printed in red, the way Terrell wrote them.

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Matthew Chapters 5–7 — told as a story you walk inside

Stand among the crowd. Hear Jesus speak. Then decide what you will do with what you heard.

Jesus' words in red • Picture symbols for every reader

HOW TO READ THIS BOOK

You Are Part of the Story

This is not a Bible-study outline. This is a walk up a mountain.

Church, today I want you to use your imagination. Forget the building you are sitting in. Forget the lights 🌤. Forget the microphone 🎤. Feel the ground underneath your feet 👣. Hear the people talking around you. You are not just reading about the crowd — you are standing in it.

Move through these pages the way you would climb that hillside: slowly, page by page, as if you are turning the page of a book 📖. Stay close. Listen. Let Jesus speak to you where you stand.

Words in red are the words of Jesus.

Just like a red-letter Bible, every word Jesus spoke is printed in red so you can see Him speaking — and hear Him speaking to you.

Picture symbols — a second way to read

Beside key words you will find small picture symbols. They are there so the meaning comes through in pictures too — for a reader who is still growing, for a reader who learns by seeing, for anybody who wants the picture and

the word together. You do not have to know every word to follow the story. Follow the pictures, and the words will carry you.

Symbol

Word

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hurting



sick / cannot walk well



hungry / bread / food



mourning / grieving

curious / looking



miracle



healing / hands lifted



eyes opened / seeing



salt



light



heart / love



angry



pray / prayer



giving



birds



flowers



money / treasure



worry



door / knocking



road



fruit



rain



house



rock



sand



wind



flood / water rising



peace / peacemaker

Read the word. See the picture. Stay in the story.

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THE CLIMB

Come Up the Mountain With Me

Matthew 5:1

Church, today I want you to use your imagination.

I don't just want you to read Matthew chapter 5. I don't just want you to hear me quote Scripture. I want you to come with me.

Come up the mountain ⛰️.

For a few moments, forget about the building you're sitting in. Forget about the lights 🛎️. Forget about the microphone 🎤. Forget about everything waiting for you when you leave here.

And imagine that you are there.

You can feel the ground underneath your feet 👣. You can hear people talking around you 🗣️. People are coming from different places 🗺️.

Some are hurting 🩹. Some are sick 🤒. Some are curious

👀.

Some have heard about this man named Jesus ✝️. They have heard about the miracles ✨. They have heard about the healings 🙌. They have heard that blind eyes have been opened 👁️. They have heard that lives have been changed 🔄.

And now the crowd is gathering 👥.

But Jesus isn't standing inside a beautiful temple ⛪. There is no stage. There is no microphone 🎤. There are no padded chairs.

There is just a mountain ⛰️… a crowd 👥… and Jesus ✝️.

Matthew tells us:

"And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain…" — *Matthew 5:1*

Jesus sits down. His disciples come close. The crowd becomes quiet 🤫.

And then… Jesus begins to speak.

PART ONE

Jesus Starts With People

Matthew 5:3–12

Now church, if Jesus were beginning a sermon today, what would you expect Him to talk about first?

Sin? Judgment? Heaven? Hell? The commandments?

But that's not where Jesus begins. He begins with people 👥.

And not necessarily the people the world would have

chosen.

Jesus looks across that crowd and says:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit…"

Then:

"Blessed are they that mourn…"

Wait a minute.

Blessed are people who are mourning 😢? Blessed are the meek? Blessed are people hungry 🍞 for righteousness? Blessed are the merciful? Blessed are the peacemakers 🕊️? Blessed are people being persecuted?

Church, Jesus is already turning the world's thinking upside down 🔄.

Because the world says: Blessed are the rich 💰.

Jesus says: Let Me show you something deeper.

The world says: Blessed are the powerful 💪.

Jesus talks about the meek.

The world says: Blessed are those who get even.

Jesus talks about mercy.

The world says: Fight your enemies ⚔️.

Jesus is eventually going to tell this crowd: Love them ❤️.

Do you see what Jesus is doing? He's teaching us that the Kingdom of God 👑 doesn't operate like the kingdoms of this world 🌍.

God looks at things differently.

And somebody sitting on that mountain needed to hear

that. Maybe they had been forgotten. Maybe they had been pushed aside. Maybe they were grieving 😢. Maybe they thought God didn't see them 👁️.

Then Jesus opened His mouth and said:

Blessed.

Church, sometimes the world can look at your situation and see nothing worth celebrating… while God looks at you and says, "Blessed."

PART TWO

You Are Salt and Light

Matthew 5:13–16

Jesus continues. Imagine sitting there listening 👂.

And suddenly He begins talking about salt 🧂.

Jesus says:

"Ye are the salt of the earth."

Why salt 🧂? Because salt affects whatever it touches ✋. Salt makes a difference.

Then Jesus says:

"Ye are the light of the world."

Now I want you to notice something.

Jesus doesn't say: "Try to become light."

He says: "You ARE the light 🌅."

Church, that means when you walk into your home 🏠… light 🌅 just walked in.

When you walk onto your job 💼… light 🌅 just walked

in.

When you walk into your school 🏫… light 🌅 just walked in.

When everybody around you is angry 😠, you don't have to become angry with them. When everybody is gossiping 🗣️, you don't have to join them. When everybody is doing wrong, you don't have to follow them.

Why? Because Jesus didn't call you to blend into darkness ⚫. He called you to shine ✨ in it.

PART THREE

Jesus Goes After the Heart

Matthew 5:21–48

But then the sermon gets uncomfortable. Because Jesus starts dealing with the Law 📜.

Some people probably thought: "I keep the commandments. I'm doing pretty good."

But Jesus goes deeper ⬇️.

He essentially says: You heard that you shouldn't murder. But I'm going to deal with your anger 😠. You heard that you shouldn't commit adultery. But I'm going to deal with the lust in your heart ❤️.

Church… Jesus isn't just looking at what our hands ✋ are doing. He's looking at what's happening in our hearts ❤️.

We can fool people. We can dress correctly 👔. We can smile correctly 😊. We can say: "Praise the Lord!" We can lift our hands 🙌. And still have something wrong inside.

People see the outside 👀. God sees the heart ❤️.

And then Jesus goes even further. He talks about enemies.

Now imagine being in that crowd. Some of those people lived under Roman occupation. They knew what enemies looked like.

Then Jesus says:

"Love your enemies."

Hold on, Jesus. You mean tolerate them?

No. Love them ❤️.

Ignore them?

No. Love them ❤️.

Jesus says:

Bless those who curse you. Do good to those who hate you.
Pray for those who mistreat you.

Church, that's not easy Christianity. That's Kingdom Christianity 👑.

Because anybody can love somebody who loves them back ❤️.

Jesus says: Let Me show you what God's love ❤️ looks like.

PART FOUR

When Nobody Is Watching

Matthew 6:1–18

Now we move into Matthew chapter 6. And Jesus begins dealing with something else.

Why do you do what you do?

Jesus talks about giving . He talks about praying . He talks about fasting. And the message behind all three is similar:

Stop doing spiritual things just so people will notice you .

You don't have to announce everything you do for God. Some things should happen between… you and God.

And church, this is where Jesus begins teaching about something we've talked about before. Prayer .

Jesus says:

"After this manner therefore pray ye…"

And He begins:

"Our Father which art in heaven…"

Notice where prayer begins. Not with: "Give me." Not with: "Fix this." Not with: "I need that."

It begins: "Our Father." Relationship .

"Hallowed be thy name." *Worship* .

"Thy kingdom come." *God's rule* .

"Thy will be done." *Surrender.*

"Give us this day our daily bread." *Dependence* .

"Forgive us our debts…" *Forgiveness.*

"Lead us not into temptation…" *Guidance* .

"Deliver us from evil." *Protection* .

Church, Jesus is teaching us how to live connected to the Father .

PART FIVE

What Are You Chasing?

Matthew 6:19–34

Then Jesus starts talking about money 💰. Possessions. Treasure 💎. And worry 😟.

Jesus says: Don't spend your whole life building treasures 💎 that you eventually have to leave behind. Build something eternal ✨.

Then He looks at worried people 😟. People worried about food 🍞. People worried about clothes 👕. People worried about tomorrow.

Does that sound familiar? We worry about bills 💰. We worry about our children 👶. We worry about our jobs 💼. We worry about what might happen next week. Sometimes we're worrying about something that hasn't even happened yet!

And Jesus says: Look at the birds 🐦.

They don't plant crops 🌱. They don't harvest fields. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them 🐦.

Then Jesus points toward the flowers 🌸. Look at how beautifully God clothes them 🌺.

And then comes the question: If God takes care of birds 🐦 and flowers 🌸… do you really think He has forgotten about you?

Jesus says:

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness…"

Church, notice that word: FIRST.

Not God somewhere on the list. Not God when everything

falls apart. Not God after you've tried everything else.

God first ☝.

PART SIX

Before You Look at Somebody Else

Matthew 7:1–5

Now we enter Matthew chapter 7.

Jesus says:

"Judge not…"

And then He paints a picture that's almost funny when you imagine it 👄.

One person has a little speck in their eye 👁. Another person walks over saying: "Let me help you with that." But that person has a giant piece of wood 🪵 sticking out of their own eye 👁!

Jesus is saying: Before you're so quick to examine everybody else 👀… examine yourself 🪞.

Before I talk about your attitude… let me check mine 🪞.

Before I talk about your sin… let me check my life 🪞.

Before I tell everybody what they need to fix… Lord, show me what needs fixing in me.

PART SEVEN

Keep Knocking

Matthew 7:7–11

Then Jesus says:

Ask. Seek. Knock.

Ask 🙏 — and it will be given. Seek 🔍 — and you will find. Knock 🚪 — and the door will be opened.

Jesus is teaching persistence. Don't stop praying 🙏 just because the answer didn't come yesterday. Don't stop seeking God because you don't understand what's happening.

Keep knocking 🚪.

PART EIGHT

Two Roads

Matthew 7:13–14

Now something changes. Jesus is approaching the end of the sermon.

And it's almost as if He looks across that crowd and says: Now you have a decision to make.

There are two gates. There are two roads 🛣️.

One road is wide 🛣️. Plenty of room. Plenty of people 👥. Easy to travel. But Jesus says: It leads to destruction.

Then there is another road 🛣️. Narrow. More difficult. Not everybody chooses it. But Jesus says: That road leads to life ✨.

Church, everybody is walking somewhere 🚶. The question isn't: Are you on a road 🛣️? The question is:

Where is your road taking you?

PART NINE

Check the Fruit

Matthew 7:15–23

Then Jesus warns about false prophets. He says you will know them… by their fruit 🍎.

You don't identify an apple tree 🌳 because somebody put a sign on it saying: "APPLE TREE." Eventually… apples 🍎 need to show up.

And church, eventually our lives have to produce something. Anybody can carry a Bible 📖. Anybody can say: "I'm a Christian."

But eventually… Where is the love ❤️? Where is the mercy? Where is the forgiveness? Where is the obedience? Where is the fruit 🍎?

THE FINAL SCENE

The Storm Is Coming

Matthew 7:24–29

Now imagine the mountain ⛰️ again. Jesus has been teaching. The crowd has been listening 👂. And He reaches the end.

He tells them about two men. Both men decide to build a house 🏠. One builds on rock 🪨. The other builds on sand 🏖️.

At first… both houses 🏠 probably look fine.

Then the weather changes 🌩️. The rain begins falling 🌧️. The water starts rising 🌊. The wind starts blowing 💨.

And notice something: The storm 🌩️ hits BOTH houses 🏠.

Following Jesus doesn't mean storms 🌩️ won't come. Christians cry 😢. Christians hurt 🩹. Christians lose

things. Christians face trouble. Christians experience storms 🌪️.

But here's the difference: What are you standing on when the storm 🌪️ comes?

The rain falls 🌧️. The flood rises 🌊. The wind beats against the first house 🏠 💨. But it doesn't fall. Why? Its foundation is rock 🪨.

Then the same storm hits the other house 🏚️. Rain 🌧️. Flood 🌊. Wind 💨. And the house collapses.

Jesus says the wise person isn't merely the one who hears His words. The wise person is the one who:

HEARS THEM AND DOES THEM.

Church… we've heard the Beatitudes. We've heard about salt 🧂. We've heard about light 🌅. We've heard about anger 😠. We've heard about forgiveness. We've heard about loving enemies ❤️. We've heard about prayer 🙏. We've heard about worry 😟. We've heard about judging ourselves 🪞. We've heard about asking, seeking, and knocking 🚪. We've heard about the narrow road 🛣️. We've heard about good fruit 🍎.

But Jesus brings everything down to one question:

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH WHAT YOU HEARD?

Because hearing a sermon doesn't build the house 🏚️. Obeying Jesus builds the house 🏠.

Coming to church doesn't automatically build the house 🏚️. Obeying Jesus builds the house 🏠.

Knowing Scripture 📖 doesn't mean much if I refuse to live it.

So church… the storm 🌪️ is going to come. I don't know what your storm will be. I don't know when it will come.

But when the rain starts falling 🌧️… when the wind starts blowing 💨… when everything around you starts shaking… you need something underneath you that cannot move.

And that foundation 🪨… is Jesus Christ ✝️ and His Word 📖.

So before we walk back down this mountain 🏔️… ask yourself:

Which road 🛣️ am I walking?

What fruit 🍎 is my life producing?

What treasure 💎 am I storing?

Am I shining my light 🌅?

Am I loving ❤️ like Jesus taught me to love?

What am I building my life on 🪨?

Because when Jesus finished speaking, Matthew tells us that the people were amazed at His teaching ✨. He taught them as One having authority 👑.

They came to hear a sermon. But Jesus gave them… a way to live.

And now we have heard His words too. So the question comes to us:

Will we only hear Him? Or… will we follow Him?

Amen.

— End —

ABOUT THIS BOOK

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and a light unto my path."
PSALM 119:105 — KJV

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