



**"Crisis Management"
Be Encouraged series
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[Matthew 7:24-29](#)

24 "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. **25** Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. **26** But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. **27** When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash." **28** When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, **29** for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

1) Direction Determines Destination

[Romans 8:18-23](#)

18 Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. **19** For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. **20** Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, **21** the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. **22** For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. **23** And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.

[Mark 12:29-31](#)

29 Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. **30** And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' **31** The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

2) Deconstruction provides opportunity for Reconstruction

[Matthew 7:26-27](#)

26 But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. **27** When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."

[Psalm 63:1-5](#)

1 O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. **2** I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. **3** Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! **4** I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. **5** You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy.

[Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#)

4 "Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. **5** And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. **6** And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. **7** Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. **8** Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. **9** Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

"But this complaint I have against you. You have lost your first love. You don't love me or each other as you did at first." [Revelation 2:4](#)