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LUKE 6:43-49

CORE STATEMENT: In 2020, God shook us for the purpose of waking us up and asking: "What are you trusting in? What are you building your life on? Is it going to last?"

QUESTION FOR 2021: "Am I ALL IN on the mission of God?"

TRUTH: When GOD seems to be attacking our foundation... what we see is it's actually not cruelty but mercy.

INSIGHT: God is showing us that all these places where we are placing our security are not going to endure.

INSIGHT: It is always God's mercy that shakes the foundations of our lives.

TRUTH: When interpreting the Bible, context is always king.

Luke 6:43-49 is about sincere religious people who are self-deceived and lost but think they're heaven-bound. There are three marks of self-deceived religious people:

I. THEY DON'T BEAR SPIRITUAL FRUIT (v. 43).

What evidence marks salvation?

1. A growing love for Jesus
2. A love for God's people
3. An ever-increasing dislike of sin

TRUTH: It's impossible to come to Christ and not change.

QUESTION: Does your life show the marks of God at work in your life?

1. Do you have a growing love for Jesus?
2. Are you zealous to see other people come to know Him?
3. Do you find the commands of Christ burdensome, or are you attracted to them?

INSIGHT: A desire for God, not for heaven, is evidence of God's work in you.

II. THE SELF-DECEIVED DON'T DO WHAT JESUS SAYS.

1. They worship Jesus on Sundays, but their wallets belong to them, not Jesus.
2. They claim Jesus, but their career and life dreams are off limits.
3. There's a relationship in their life that's out of God's will, but they won't surrender.

EXPLANATION OF LUKE 6:46

1. No / Lord
2. No / ~~Lord~~
3. ~~No~~ / Lord

III. THE FAITH OF THE SELF-DECEIVED FALLS APART IN THE STORMS OF LIFE.

INSIGHT: There are people whose walk with Jesus is fine until it gets hard.

TRUTH: At some point obedience to Christ will call for a 180 from what you want to do, and in that moment, real Christianity shows its true colors.