

Four Voices, One Story

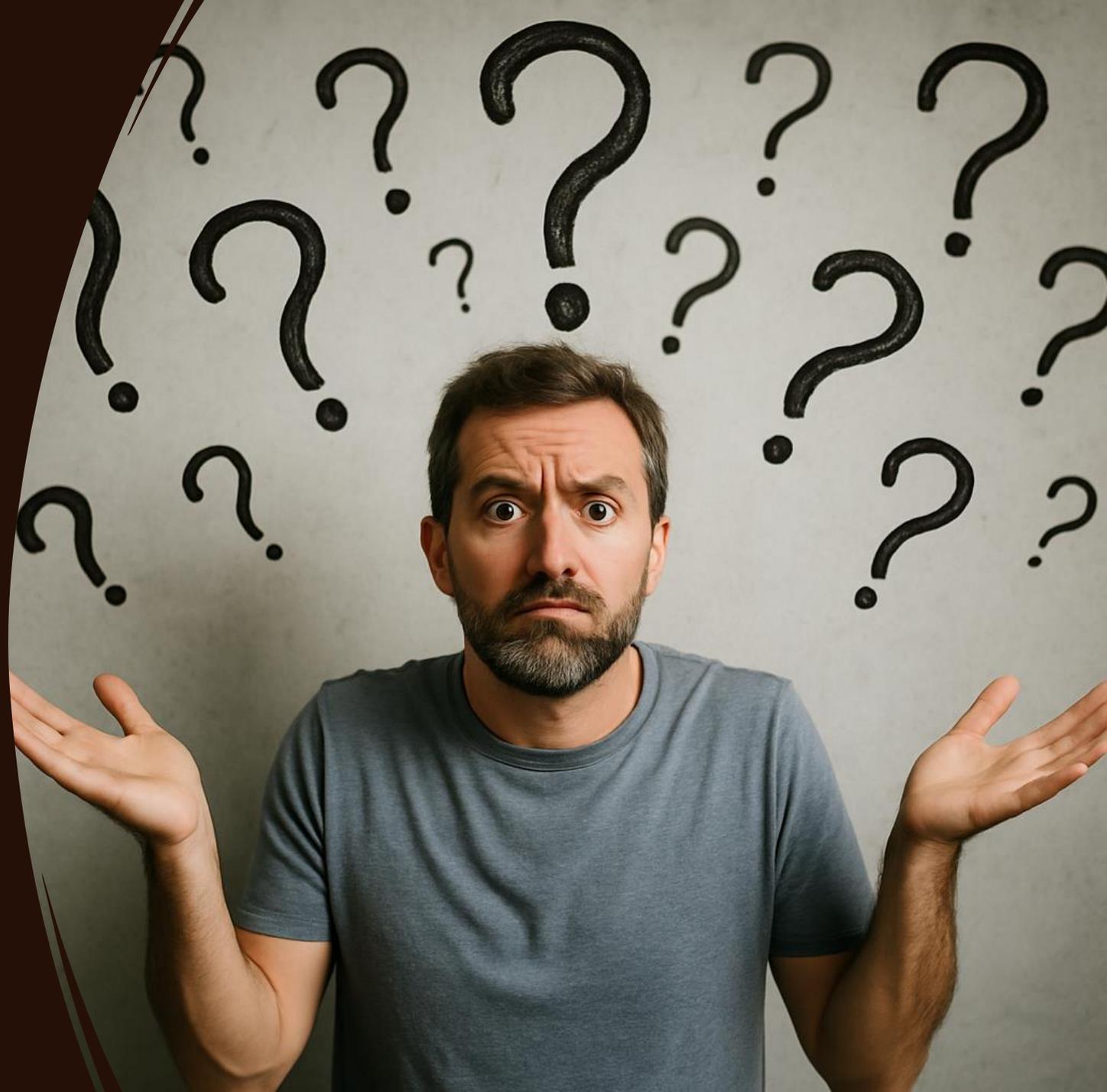
A HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS

Ask, Act, Abide: How Disciples Stand Firm
(Matt 7:1-29; Luke 6:37-49, and Luke 11:5-13)

"Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock."

call to the word / Mat 7:24-25

intro



“The Sermon on the Mount seems to me to be the blueprint for a radical kind of Christianity—one that’s not safe, not popular, and not easy, but desperately needed.” (Clarence Johnson)

background

**This isn't spiritual poetry—it's spiritual
architecture.**

*“...the Sermon on the Mount is the most sublime and
benevolent code of morals which has ever been
offered to man.” (Jefferson)*

background

“Don’t make judging others your spiritual hobby.”

He’s talking about the kind of judgment that’s harsh, self-righteous, and hypocritical.

Mat 7:1-5; Lk 6:37 / Do Not Judge

“Jesus is not condemning critical thinking, but a critical spirit. This is the judgment that puts self in God’s place—pronouncing verdicts without grace or humility.” (MacArthur)

It’s not about seeing sin; it’s about how you respond to it.

Mat 7:1-5; Lk 6:37 / Do Not Judge

*“We’re not called to condone sin, but to correct it—
humbly, gently, and from the log in our own eye
first.”(Swindoll)*

Jesus isn't trying to silence truth. He's calling us to
speak the truth in love, in humility, and with a clear
look at our own hearts first

Mat 7:1-5; Lk 6:37 / Do Not Judge

Jesus is telling us to be discerning - Love people deeply—but love them wisely.

Acts 18:6

Mat 5:11; 6:1-6, 22-23

Jhn 6:44

Mat 7:6 / Dogs and Swine

Discernment doesn't come from gut instinct — it comes from prayerful dependence on God. When you don't know what to do, go to your Father. He's ready to guide.

Mat 7:6 / Dogs and Swine

“Prayer is the great blessing that puts our impotence in touch with God’s omnipotence.” (Swindoll)

God is not reluctant - we’re the ones who are slow to believe, quick to quit, and easily forgetful.

Lk 11:5-13 / Ask, Seek, Knock

“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

(John 13:35)

“It’s the goodness of God that leads you to repentance.”

(Romans 2:4)

Mat 22:36-40

Mat 7:12, Lk 6:31 / The Golden Rule

The path is narrow not because God wants to shut people out—but because truth is narrow. Jesus is the way, not one of many ways.

“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved...” —John 10:9

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” —John 14:6

Mat 7:13, Lk 6:43-45 / Two Gate & False Prophets

Looks can be deceiving – Mat 7:15

Watch the Fruit – Mat 7:16-18

There is a Day of Reckoning – Mat 7:19

Talk is Cheap – Mat 7:21

It's Not What You Do – It's About Whether You know
Him – Mat 7:23

Mat 7:15-23 / Tree & Fruit

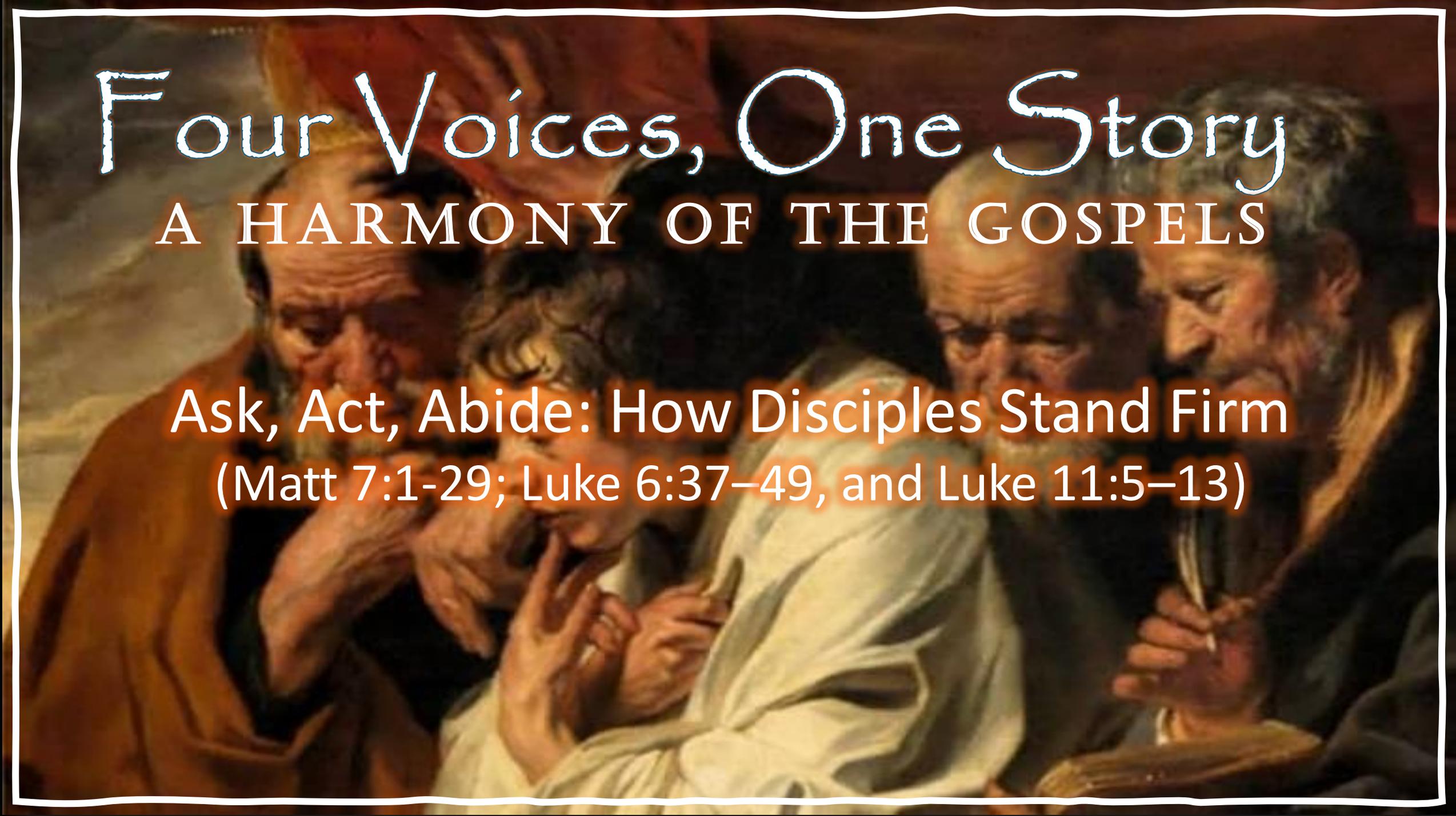
At the end of the day, your foundation—the one you build on—determines whether your life stands or collapses when the storms hit.

*“The storms of life don’t reveal Satan’s power—they expose whether you built on rock or sand.”
(Swindoll)*

Mat 7:24-27; Lk 6:46-49 / Wise v Foolish Builders

Humble Your Heart
Hold Fast in Prayer
Honor Others
Heed with Discernment
Hear & Heed

reflections



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