

Strong Foundations for the Storms of 2026

Matthew 5-6

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SERMON NOTES & QUOTES

1. Start With the Heart – Matthew 5:3–10

Question to Consider: Where is God exposing pride, self-reliance, or hardness of heart – and how is He inviting you to grow in humility, mercy, or dependence on Him

2. Shine Where You Are – Matthew 5:13–16

Question to Consider: Who are the people you're asking God to bring into his family in 2026?

- Are there any actions in your life that might be hurting your witness instead of helping it?

3. Take Sin Seriously – Matthew 5:21–32

Question to Consider: What hidden pattern, attitude, or compromise in your life needs to be brought into the light – before it weakens your foundation further?

4. Love Your Enemies – Matthew 5:38–48

Question To Consider: Who is the person you struggle most to love – and what would obedience to Jesus look like toward them this week?

5. Practice your Faith (for the right reasons) – Matthew 6:1–18

Question to Consider: If every visible part of your spiritual life disappeared, what unseen practices with God would still remain?