The Journey Inward II



Matthew 7:15-19

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them

Background (Matthew 5-7)

The greatest sermon ever preached starts with blessings and ends with warnings

Wolves

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Warning to False Teachers only?

Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. (v19)

Not everyone who says to me "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of the Father in heaven. (v21)

Recognizing our Wolves and Wounds

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Mike and Mary's Love Relationship

Have you ever heard of such stories in real life?

WoLVeS

(Dr. Marcus Warner - Deeper Walk International)

- Wounds (soul injuries that we carry with us from the past)
- Lies (what we believe in that is not true)
- Vows ("I will" or "I will never" statements that we frequently make)
- Strongholds (what makes us do what we don't want to do)

A Dysfunctional Family

(a story told by Gary Smalley from Focus on the Family)

- Fight (Aaron)
- Fright (Bobby)
- Flight (Chuck)

Going Deep

- Training (99% practice)
- Tools (for upward, inward and outward living)
- Tribe (developing synergistic & symbiotic relationships)
- Time (go slow, go small, go deep)

"His words were few but full"

What was said about George Fox