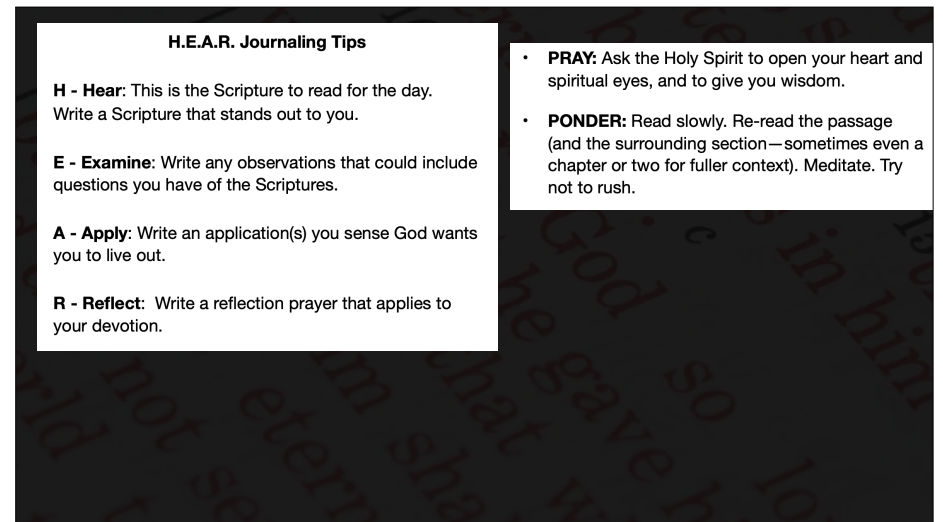
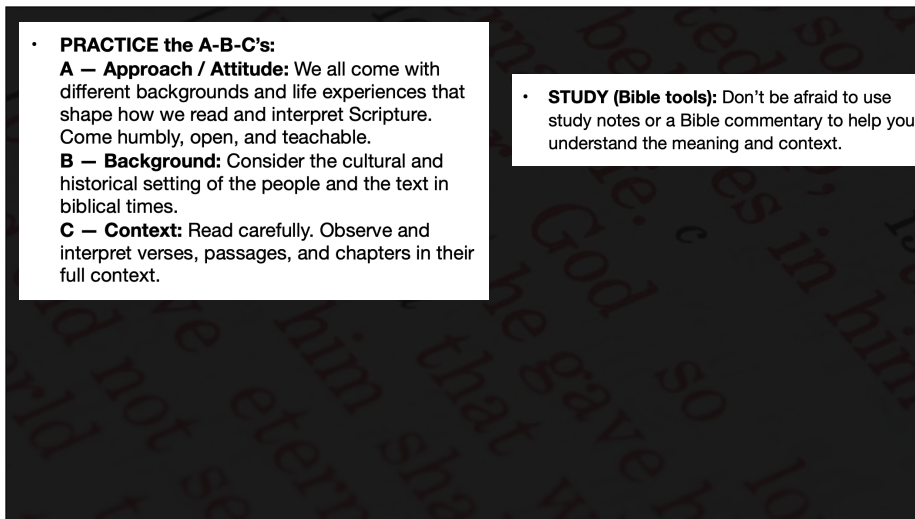


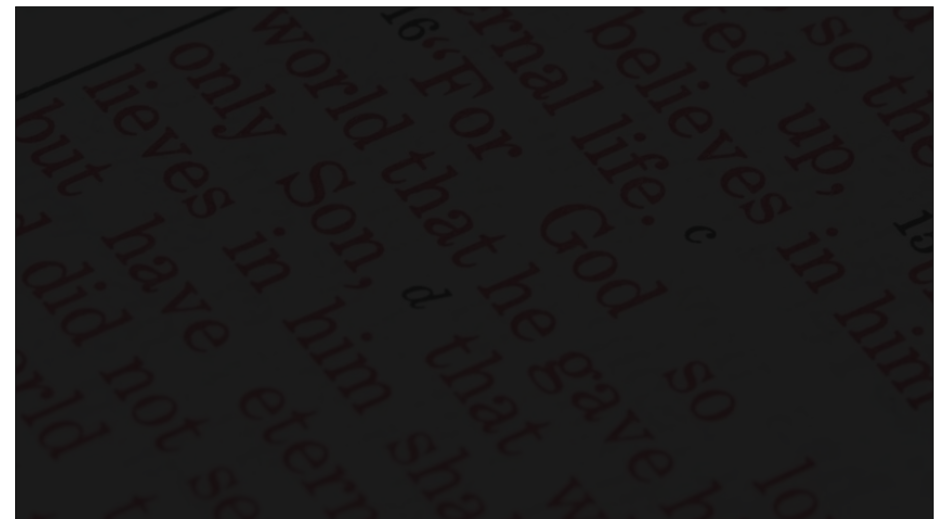
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**Hear** | What Scripture is God highlighting?

**MATTHEW 7:24-27**

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Matt. 7:24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and **puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

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26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and **does not put them into practice** is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

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**Examine** | ... the context.

- V.1-6 **Kingdom attitude:** Judging, not self righteous
- V.7-11 **Kingdom pursuit:** Dependence on a good Father
- V.12 **Kingdom relationships:** The Golden Rule
- V.13-14 **Kingdom living:** The narrow and wide roads
- V.15-20 **Kingdom fruit:** Bearing good or bad fruit
- V.21-23 **Kingdom falsity:** Doing the will of our Father

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**Examine** | ... the context.

WISE	FOOLISH
Hears & Practices	Hears & Doesn't Practices
Solid Foundation	Sandy Foundation
A life withstanding storms	A life falling in storms

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**Apply** | What is God saying to you?

1. What specific teaching of Jesus do you need to practice right now to strengthen your foundation?

- V.1-6 Being judgmental. Checking our planks.
- V.7-11 Pursuing and dependence on God.
- V.12 How we are treating others...The Golden Rule.
- V.13-20 Evaluating our "choices" and our "fruit."
- V.21-23 Being aware of false, misleading people.

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**Apply** | What is God saying to you?

2. What daily practices help you move from hearing Jesus to living with Him?

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**RESPOND** | What is a prayer reflection?

Rev. 3:19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. <sup>20</sup> Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

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