

# Recap

- **Character of the Kingdom** – attributes that are honored by God; 5.1-16
- **True obedience** – following the spirit of the law from our hearts; 5.17-48
- **True righteousness** – doing good works sincerely/before the Father and not to be seen by others; 6.1-18
- **Competitors to the King** – money and worry can compete with Jesus for places of prominence in our hearts; 6.19-34
- **Don't fault-find within the body** – confront sin in humility; look to God to meet needs (envy stirs up judgment of others); 7.1-12

## MATTHEW RECAP



# Biblical Tension

## Gate is small; way is narrow

- **John 10.9:** I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.
- **John 14.6:** I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

## God's love is broad/universal

- **John 3.16:** For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.

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# Biblical Tension

**1 Tim 2.4-6:** [God] wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.

- Way is narrow because only Jesus deals with the core issue – sin
- God's heart is wide – He desires all to be saved

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# Three Warnings

Entering through the small gate is *not* the same as:

- **Knowing things about Jesus** - Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven
- **Doing things in the name of Jesus** - Many will say to Me, 'didn't we prophesy, drive out demons, and do miracles in Your name,' but I will say, 'away from Me'
- **Knowing Jesus' teaching** - Everyone who hears My words but doesn't put them into practice is like a fool who builds their house on the sand which is destroyed

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# Entering the Small Gate

To obey Jesus is to enter the small gate/walk the narrow road -

- Doing will of the Father = hearing the words of Jesus and putting them into practice = building house on the rock
- V21 – only the one who does the will of My Father in heaven [will enter the Kingdom of Heaven]
- v24 – everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice (does them) is like a wise man who built his house on a rock

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# Saved by Grace through Faith

- **Salvation is a relational reality -**
  - John 17.3: Now this is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.
- **Grace** – we built the wall of separation and God made the gate through it
- **Faith** – trust; trust is expressed through obedience
- If we aren't obeying Jesus, then we aren't trusting Him; if we aren't trusting Him, then we aren't in relationship with Him

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