

Matthew 7:24

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.

“The boat is tied to the dock, the dock is not tied to the boat.” Pastor Greg Laurie

I just heard pastor Greg Laurie say that recently and thought how true that is. But which are you, a dock or a boat? If you are a dock, everything is tied to you and your whole life, and those around you are tied to you and their lives revolve around you. If you are not happy with someone, cut them loose. Yet we call it divorce like it's an common and okay thing. Why, because it's all about you, and if you're not happy with your husband or wife, cut him or her loose, because you are a dock and you don't want that old boat hanging around you anymore.

Maybe it's not a marriage thing, maybe you are on a power trip, thinking if someone is not there to help me, cut them out of my life, because you only allow boats that can do for you, to tie up to your dock. Or it could be your way of thinking, like being gay is okay as well as same sex marriage, if someone opposes it, cut them out of your life, because you don't want those type of boats hanging around you and your dock.

Hmmm, God says that the homosexual lifestyle is wrong. So you gonna cut God out of your life?

† **Romans 1:27** *Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.*

† **Leviticus 20:13** *If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them.*

God says the same thing about divorce, so you gonna cut your spouse and God out of your life?

† **Matthew 19:8** *He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so."*

And those with power trips, are you not following Jesus' example, but rather your own, or some power hungry, it's all about me, motivational speaker?

† **Matthew 20:28 (NLT)** *For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

† **Acts 20:35 (NLT)** *And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

But hey, you're a dock and you stand firm in your beliefs. Until a storm comes along and destroys the dock and washes it away. Then where will you, and all those boats that were tied to you be?

But maybe you're not a dock, but you are a boat, and if you think about it, a boat can be a very good thing. Because a boat can go out in the water and catch a bunch of fish that would feed others. Or it can take people to many different places that they couldn't go to on land. But as a boat, what dock are you tied up to?

Maybe the dock of partying, because people know you as the party animal. You know all the right clubs to go to and where the action is. But once you quite that party lifestyle because you are out of money, your dock is destroyed, then what dock will you tie your boat up to next.

† **Luke 8:22** *Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out.*

If you read the rest of this verse, you know that they ran into a storm as Jesus was asleep in the boat. They cried out to Jesus because of the storm. They didn't cry out to the boat to save them, because their faith was not in a boat, but in the Rock, Jesus Christ, Who was in the same boat that they were in. Are you crying out to the boats in your life to save you from your troubles or are you anchored to the Rock and crying out to Him?

† **Luke 8:24** *And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.*

Maybe you go from dock to dock (Relationships, jobs, etc...) trying to find comfort and stability. The only way we can be safe and secure is to tie ourselves to the dock that will never fail, and actually, it not even a dock, because a dock can crumble under a storm. No, we are tied to the Rock, which is Jesus Christ. *I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

† **Psalm 18:31** *For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?*