



# Tossing My Tiara

## Session 2

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### Introduction

Welcome to week 2 of Tossing My Tiara. Each week, we will be looking at the theme of Lordship. Last week, we looked at what the word “Lord” means. We dug into the truth that He is the rightful owner of praise and the title “Lord” because He made it all! He is God and we are not. That’s a pretty big theological truth that shapes how we live our lives day to day. Today we will continue to look at another aspect of lordship.

### Opening Activity

If you could design your dream house, what would it be? Have each person sketch it out. If you want to really have fun, have them do a layout showing what rooms would be inside. Where would you build your house?

### Video Teaching

Go to [www.studywithher.com](http://www.studywithher.com) and watch the session two video in the Tossing My Tiara series.

### Diving In

Luke 6:46-49 was a passage that was mentioned at the beginning of the study. Read it aloud together.

**46** “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? **47** As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. **48** They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. **49** But the one who hears my words and does not put them

*into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”*

Underline in verse 48 the phrase, “who dug down deep and laid foundation on rock”. Draw a shovel over that phrase. This is important because this phrase is a single idea with two actions. The actions are critical to the success of the house and both are necessary. The builder dug until he reached rock. If he had not done these two actions together, he would not have found the foundation worth building on.

What does this have to do with Lordship?

Read Colossians 2:6–7

*“As you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him.” NLT*

Many of our students have been able to say that they understand what Jesus did on the cross for them and their sins. They have said, they believe that He rose again. But they are not GROWING in their faith. They have stopped there. They aren’t building their lives on Him. They don’t know what it means that He is Lord of all of them. So while they believe He is their Savior, they still battle with Him for His throne.

Amy-Jo told the story of Naaman in the video.

Re-Read the story of Naaman in 2 Kings 5: 1-19 as a group.

What was Naaman building his foundation on before he came to know God as Lord of all?

What was the “storm” that occurred in his life that was causing his life to be destroyed?

How did Naaman receive healing from Leprosy?

The cure for Naaman’s leprosy was not in the river or the amount of times he cleansed himself. The number 7 is God’s perfect number. It is the number that God stamps on His works. God is the One who gets the glory in this story, not the river or the number. Naaman received healing of his skin and his heart because he humbled himself and placed his trust in the One who told him what to do to be healed. As a result, He leaves Israel worshipping the One true God.

Interestingly enough, Naaman takes soil back with him to Syria to build an altar to The Lord. He most likely faced difficulties living out His faith in God in a place that did not build their lives on

the foundation of God. It would provide a reminder that he knew The One who made him and that he had surrendered to Him whenever he saw the altar made of the soil from Israel.

Last session we concluded with the truth that He is Lord and you are not.

Today we conclude with the truth: He is Lord and you need to build your life on Him.

Amy-Jo gave you some homework to do in the video.

Make a penny rub by taking a penny and placing it under a sheet of paper and then rubbing a crayon over the paper. Carry that around with you this week as you consider what you put your trust in and what you are building your life foundation on.

## Closing Activity

Read the following passage from 2 Corinthians 13:5.

*5-9 Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it. I hope the test won't show that we have failed. But if it comes to that, we'd rather the test showed our failure than yours. We're rooting for the truth to win out in you. We couldn't possibly do otherwise.*


*We don't just put up with our limitations; we celebrate them, and then go on to celebrate every strength, every triumph of the truth in you. We pray hard that it will all come together in your lives.*

*The Message Paraphrase*

If you ever have the chance to watch something being built, I'd go for it. It doesn't happen overnight. There are lots of plans that have to be approved and then even during the building process, there are inspectors that come in and make sure it is being built to code. You want all of this to happen because if it's not being built right, it won't last.

Take a moment now and read about the famous Tower of Pisa by going to this website.

<http://www.towerofpisa.org/tower-of-pisa-historical-facts/>



Interesting that it was actually a part of a cathedral. It is a bell tower. The tower of Pisa is of course known because it leans. But why does it lean? Because it was built on soft soil and it is continuing to sink. Interesting fact, Pisa got its name in 600 BC from a Greek word meaning “marshy land.”

If there was ever an architect that could have benefitted from hearing the parable in Luke 6, it was the architects that built the Tower of Pisa. They didn’t check the soil they were building on. They didn’t take into consideration how to build the right foundation for their tower. 2 Corinthians 13:5 is a great reminder for us to do a Spiritual Foundation Check-up. Let’s check our foundation. Let’s see what we are building on. Work together with those who are going through this study with you to come up with a Spiritual Foundation Check-up. I have enclosed a sample one to help you get started.

Just like physical check-ups are important, it is important to spend time with God checking in about our spiritual health. Using the following as a guide, spend time asking God to help you to answer honestly what is going on in each area of your life. This is not a time for you to beat yourself up emotionally. Christ is the judge and He has already made a way for you to stand before Him with all the charges dropped if you have acknowledged Him as your Lord and Savior. This is a way for you two to have a starting point for discussion.

#### THOUGHTS:

- What thoughts have you been thinking about Christ lately?
- What thoughts seem to be rolling around in your mind lately?
- What are you wondering about as you study God's word?
- How often do you find yourself engaged in wondering about how your friends or family are doing in their spiritual lives?
- How often do you find the conversation turning to spiritual concerns with friends? About what they are learning in scripture?

#### WORDS:

- What do the majority of words and conversations that come out of your mouth have to do with?
- What do the majority of prayers that you have said to God have to do with? Are they personal requests? Are they concerns about the spiritual condition of friends, family? Do you have a hard time making time to pray?

#### HEART:

- Do you tend to move towards a core group of friends who love God or do you find yourself moving away from friends/people that express a love for God?
- What are the passions of your heart pointing to?
- Do you have any heart passions that have to do with serving God with the talents/abilities He has given you?
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#### EARS:


- What do you allow to come into your ears? How much of what you listen to encourages you to live a life that contrasts that of the world?

#### EYES

- What do your eyes see on a regular basis that remind you that you are a part of God's created story?
- Do your eyes take time to soak up the things in your world that are created by God? What are some of the things that have wowed your eyes lately?
- What else do your eyes take in? Is there anything that you need to bring before God that you wish you hadn't seen with your eyes?

#### HABITS/ADDITIONS

- Are there healthy patterns to your day? Do you find that you make space in your day to spend with God to talk with Him?
- Are there unhealthy patterns in your day? Do you find yourself stressed with no space to add in anything else?
- Are there addictions that you need to be aware of?



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