



NOW SHOWING — "The Wise and Foolish Builders"

Where to Watch The Greatest Showman is streaming on Hulu and HBO Max (also available to rent or purchase on Amazon Prime Video, Apple TV, and Fandango at Home). Rated: PG | Runtime: 1 hr. 45 min. [Parents Guide to The Greatest Showman](#)

Movie Summary The Greatest Showman is a musical inspired by the life of P.T. Barnum, a man who rises from poverty with big dreams of creating a better life for himself and his family. He builds a circus featuring people who have been rejected and marginalized by society, giving them a place to belong, be seen, and celebrated. But as Barnum gains success, fame, and approval, he begins to lose sight of what matters most, putting his ambitions ahead of his family and the people who helped him along the way. Eventually, his life begins to crumble, and he realizes that he has been distracted by the “lights” of success.

Sunday's Message Today we're looking at The Wise and Foolish Builders from Matthew 7:24–29. This is the closing story of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount—a sermon where Jesus invites ordinary, broken, and overlooked people into a completely new way of life: the way of the Kingdom. And Jesus says the wise person is the one who hears His words and puts them into practice. They are like someone who builds their house on rock. The storms still come—but the house stands because of what it's built on.

We're going to use The Greatest Showman to help us see this.

Read the Text Together Matthew 7:24–29 (NLT)

Discussion Questions

1. **After reading Matthew 7:24–29**, what does it mean to build your life on “the rock”? What do you think it could look like to build your life on “the sand”?
2. **Barnum wanted to be successful and prove himself.** Have you ever wanted someone’s approval or wanted to be really good at something? How can we remember that our worth comes from God?
3. **Jesus says we need to both hear His words and put them into practice.** What is one thing Jesus teaches that you could practice this week? What is one thing you can do this week to make time to listen to God’s voice and His Word?
4. **The people in Barnum’s circus were often rejected or left out.** How can we follow Jesus’ example by helping people feel welcomed, valued, and loved?
5. **At the end of the movie, Barnum realizes he needs to return to what truly matters.** Is there anything you need to “return to” this week—God, family, kindness, prayer, forgiveness, or something else? What could your first step be?

Pray Together

Jesus, thank You for speaking to us through Your whisper and Your Word. Show us the places and times when we rely on other things instead of You for our ultimate worth and value. Help us to both listen to and obey Your Word. Lead us to love You and love others. Amen.