



**Sermon on the Mount**  
**Sermon Notes - Part 25**  
**Title: The Narrowing Road**  
**July 20th, 2025**

**Main Scriptures:** Matthew 7:13-14, 26:6-13; 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

**Main Idea:** The road we choose doesn't just determine our destination—it shapes who we become.

**1. Gates Matter** (Matthew 7:13-14)

- In biblical times, gates were places of decision, justice, and public life
- A narrow gate was intentional—provided protection—ex: Abraham's Gate



**2. Biblical "Gate" Imagery**

- Proverbs 8-9—Lady Wisdom & Lady Folly standing at their gates, calling out to those passing by
- The first "gate" is in the Garden of Eden—Genesis 3:24
  - God placed cherubim and a flaming sword to guard the *path* back to the tree of life

→ The only way back to the tree of life is **through Jesus**.

**3. Two Roads, Two Journeys** (Matthew 7:13-14)

- These verses are more about the direction we travel than the destination.
- **Wide road:** crowded, easy, **leads to ruin**.
- **Narrow road:** compressed, **leads to life**—but it **presses** us.

→ The narrow road not only leads to life, but **it forms and shapes us** along the way to reflect the heart of God.

