

Reedy Fork Baptist Church

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

BIBLE STUDY

Theme: “*The Storms of Life*”

SCRIPTURE Luke 6: 39- 49 (NIV)

39 He also told them this parable: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit?”

40 The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.

41 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?”

42 How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

43 “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.”

44 Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars.

45 A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

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.”

I. Key Words:

- Storms
- Temptations
- Suffering
- Judgement

II. People, Places, & Time:

III. Background:

Luke 6:46-49 is the concluding section of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, where he contrasts true discipleship with a false one. The background is Jesus questioning why people call him "Lord" without obeying his commands, using the parable of the two builders to illustrate that those who act on his words build a strong, rock-solid foundation for life, while those who only hear them build on sand and their lives will be destroyed by "storms".

- **Building in ancient Israel:** The metaphor of building a house was very real to Jesus' audience. The landscape experienced dramatic seasonal shifts, with heavy rains that could cause streams to become dangerous torrents.
- **Building on rock:** The only way to ensure a house could withstand the floods was to dig a deep foundation down to bedrock, a difficult and laborious process.
- **Building on sand:** The easier and quicker way was to build on the surface without a deep foundation, which would collapse when the rains came.
- **Calling Jesus "Lord":** In that culture, calling someone "Lord" signified total authority and allegiance. Jesus' opening question in verse 46 highlights the contradiction of those who claimed this but did not act on his commands.

IV. In Depth:

1. Lesson Emphasis #1: The Storms of Temptation Will Test Our Lives. .

Jesus gave a graphic description of a common event in the Middle East.

"When a flood came, the downpour struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built" (Luke 6:48 NIV).

However, concerning the other house, "the moment the downpour or torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete" (v. 49 NIV).

Temptation is one such storm that comes into our lives.

A. Temptations are common in life.

1. The apostle Paul declared, "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man" (1 Cor. 10:13 NIV).
2. This is one storm that will beat against every house sooner or later.
3. This is why it is important for every believer to pray constantly and why every believer should pray for each other and the body of Christ.

B. Temptations come by divine permission.

1. While God does not tempt us, he does permit or allow temptation.
2. Jesus told Peter of the approaching storm of temptation. "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail" (Luke 22:31 NIV).

2. Lesson Emphasis #2: The Storms Of Suffering Will Test Our Lives.

- What a storm is to a house, suffering is to a human life.
- Suffering will soon reveal the character of the life and is allowed for that very purpose.
- The storms of suffering come in many different forms.
 - A. Economic conditions can cause suffering.
 - B. Political conditions can cause suffering.
 - C. Emotional stress can cause suffering.
 - D. Physical problems will cause suffering.

3. Lesson Emphasis #3: The Storms Of Judgement Will Test Our Lives.

The last judgment was probably primary in the mind of Jesus as he gave this sermon.

The sermon makes no sense if there is not a life beyond death and if there is no accountability to God for one's life.

- A. The storm of judgment is certain. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27).
- B. The storm of judgment will be revealing.

V. Make It Happen

- What would be your definition of storms?
- What kind of storms have you encountered and what impact have they had in your life?
- What does 1Corinthians 10:13 instruct us about life?
- What are some of the ways persons suffer?
- What does Hebrews 9:27, teach us about life?

VI. Follow the Spirit:

What will you do as a result of this lesson?

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