

## **A ROOTED CHURCH STANDS IN STORMS**

Colossians 2:6-7

Matthew 7:24–25

Church, listen carefully.

Storms are not proof that something is wrong.

Storms are proof that what you built is being tested.

Every church that grows will face storms.

Every vision that matters will be challenged.

Every work of God will be examined by pressure.

The enemy does not fight empty houses.

He fights what has value.

So storms are not sent to destroy you—

they are sent to reveal what is holding you.

If your faith was shallow, the storm will expose it.

If your foundation was strong, the storm will prove it.

Jesus never promised a storm-free life.

He promised a life built on the Rock.

The rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.” (Matthew 7:25)

### **1: Storms Reveal Foundations**

Storms do not create problems—

they reveal what already exists.

Shallow churches collapse under pressure

Rooted churches grow stronger through pressure

👉 Hard seasons expose foundations.

## **2: Stability Is Built Before the Storm**

You don't build foundations during the storm.  
You build them before the storm comes.

That is why God emphasizes:

Teaching before testing

Prayer before pressure

Roots before results

👉 Preparation determines preservation.

## **A Rooted Church Does Not Panic**

When storms come:

Shallow churches panic

Rooted churches pray

Shallow churches divide

Rooted churches unite

Shallow churches quit

Rooted churches stand

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (**Psalm 46:1**)

👉 Stability is confidence in God, not absence of trouble.

### **Prophetic Emphasis**

Church, hear this clearly:

This season is not to break us.  
It is to establish us.

What did not destroy you  
has proven that you are rooted.

👉 If you are still standing, your foundation is working.

### **Closing Transition Line**

Storms tested us.  
And we are still here.

That means:

Our foundation is Christ

Our roots are deep

Our future is secure

**House of Mercy will not fall.**