

BUILD YOUR LIFE

Christ should be the foundation of our lives. He is the rock we should build our lives upon. To rely on anyone or anything as a foundation for our lives is truly unreliable and will not last. This is why we must depend on our unchanging, everlasting God.

Jesus had been sharing the beatitudes with the many people who came to listen to him speak from upon the mountainside, and this was just one of many things he had to share. He spoke on fasting, on how to pray, on why we shouldn't worry, and even on how we ought to store our treasures in heaven. Jesus made it very plain to us within the first verse of this parable.

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man..."

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Remember S.O.A.P.

SCRIPTURE

S: “He replied, ‘Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.’” Matthew 17:20

OBSERVE

O: God said even if you have just the smallest bit of faith, you can tell a mountain to move and it will move.

APPLY

A: This scripture encourages me that even when I’m feeling down or hopeless, God says that all I need is a little bit of faith in him, and he will “move the mountain” and take care of whatever my problem is.

PRAY

P: Thank you Lord for being faithful. I ask that you would teach me how to have faith in you so that I won’t be worried when problems come my way. Your word says that nothing is impossible with You on my side, and I ask that you would remind me of that each and every day, especially when I am anxious or worried about something. Thank you for all that you’ve done for me, and I ask that you would open my heart up to all the plans that you have for me. Amen.

Luke 6:46-49

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. 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. 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."

THINK ABOUT IT

When building a house, you must start by laying a sturdy foundation. If our lives are like houses, then our foundation might be what we spend the most time on, or the things that are most important to us. What are those things in your life?

What are some things we talked about today that we can use to strengthen the foundation of our faith?

What are some things that would be considered sand in our foundations now, that need to be replaced and strengthened with stone?

ACTION STEP

BUILD SOMETHING THAT WILL LAST! HAVE FUN WITH THIS ONE. YOUR LEADERS WILL ASK WHAT YOU BUILT!

The things Jesus taught this day are essential to having a strong foundation for our life. If we are building our lives upon the foundation that Christ has laid out for us, we can count on Him to be our stable rock. Therefore...

WE MUST BUILD OUR LIVES ON THE FOUNDATION OF CHRIST

In Christ, we find all hope and strength. He is the foundation upon which we should build our lives and someone we can lean upon through all trials and tribulations. God is our source of peace and calm in the middle of the storm

Christ's foundation provides stability. He provides for us. He is someone we can trust and rely on, without fail. Dependence on man or the things our world provides will always yield disappointment, but depending on Christ as my rock and savior always yields more than I can even imagine.