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STORIES THAT CHANGE EVERYTHING, PART 5: A LIFE WELL BUILT

Many Christians are like poor photographs—overexposed and under-developed. They’ve had plenty of exposure to the light of God’s Word. Yet what difference has it made in their lives?

BIG IDEA: Spiritual depth is not measured by IQ but, “I do.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What’s your personal weather forecast? Clear? Partly cloudy? Overcast? Stormy weather? Hurricane?
2. Do you feel your life right now is built on solid rock? Or on sand, with a nice view? What would you have to tear down in order to shore up that foundation? How do others need to help you in the process?
3. *With your Bible or Bible App, [read Matthew 7:24-27](#).*

²⁴ “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. ²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

[Matthew 7:24-27 \(NLT\)](#)

4. What are some of the similarities of these two builders? What are the differences?
5. Chris said, “When you start to build, you have to start with the foundation.” Is your worldview based upon the foundation of Jesus and His Word? Or is it something else? How will you really know what you’re building your life on?
6. The biblical definition of *wisdom is the decision to apply spiritual truth to your life*, yet *A Fool is someone who refuses to apply spiritual truth to their life*. It’s more than information—it’s action.

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MOVING FORWARD

There were two men in this parable. Both wanted to build something lasting. Both desired personal development, and each wanted to live a life of significance. Yet these men pursued these goals differently, and this showed up in the results. One man built his house on the rock. His house stood. The other man built his house around a shaky foundation. His house fell hard. What are you building your life on?