

Sunday Sermon Guide

Central Baptist Church – Crockett, Texas

October 19, 2025 – Building on the Rock: A Foundation of Faithfulness

Main Passage: Matthew 7:24-29

I. The Weight of “Therefore” (v. 24)

- “Therefore” connects this passage to everything Jesus taught in Matthew 5–7.
- Therefore means: “In light of all I’ve said, here’s what you must now do.”
- Jesus laid the foundation of Kingdom living: humility, mercy, purity, and righteousness.
- The Kingdom is about heart transformation, not outward religion.
- Followers of Christ are called to live with sincerity, generosity, faith, and obedience.
- Key verse: *“Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.”*
- Jesus now says: Hear My words and act on them—build your life on this foundation.

II. The Wise Builder (vv. 24–25)

- Two requirements: Hear the words of Christ and act on the words of Christ.
- Wisdom = obedience in action, not information in storage.
- The gap between hearing and doing is the gap between the head and the heart.
- Luke 6:48 — *The wise builder “dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.”*
- Building on the Rock requires effort, endurance, and faith.
- 1 Corinthians 3:11 — *“No one can lay any foundation other than Jesus Christ.”*
- Wise builders prepare before the storm, not during it.
- Faith in Christ is not reactionary—it’s ready.
- True faith is proven in storms, not in calm.
- Wisdom is lived out in daily obedience—Monday faith after Sunday truth.

III. The Foolish Builder (vv. 26–27)

- Heard the same truth as the wise builder but never acted on it.
- Knew what was right but failed to do it—confused exposure with obedience.
- James 1:22 — *“Be doers of the Word and not hearers only.”*

- Building on sand is easier, quicker, cheaper—but temporary.
- Sand represents convenience over conviction, emotion over obedience, and appearance over faithfulness.
- It looks stable when the weather is calm, but storms always reveal what's beneath.
- Jesus said, *"The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed—and great was its fall."*
- Both houses faced the same storm—only one stood firm.
- The foolish builder's tragedy is not ignorance—it's disobedience.
- He built his life near the Rock, but not on it.
- The disaster is not physical—it's eternal.
- The question isn't, "Do I hear God's Word?" but "Do I obey it?"

IV. The Authority of Christ (vv. 28–29)

- The crowd was astonished—Jesus spoke with divine authority.
- The scribes quoted others; Jesus spoke as the voice of God.
- He didn't just teach the Word—He is the Word made flesh.
- Jesus didn't preach self-improvement but salvation and surrender.
- We've all built on sand—success, pride, religion, or comfort—but they all crumble.
- Christ alone can bear the weight of our sin and eternity.
- Jesus endured the storm of God's wrath on the cross for us.
- Through His death and resurrection, He offers forgiveness, redemption, eternal life, and an unshakable foundation.

Key Takeaways

- Hearing + Obeying = Building on the Rock
- Storms reveal your foundation
- Wisdom is faith in motion
- The Rock is not a principle—it's a Person
- Jesus alone can hold the weight of your eternity

"The difference between hearing and doing is the difference between information and transformation — about eighteen inches from your ears to your heart."