



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Wise v. Foolish

Speaker: Pastor Alan Brooks

Highlighted Scripture

Matthew 7:24–27

Everyone therefore who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it didn't fall, for it was founded on the rock.

Everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn't do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.

Discussion Questions

- 1. In the parable, both builders hear Jesus' words. Why do you think Jesus places such a strong emphasis on obedience rather than just listening or knowing?**
- 2. Alan explains that building on sand often represents shortcuts — cheaper, easier, and faster options. What are some ways people are tempted to take spiritual shortcuts today?**
- 3. Storms hit both houses. What does that tell us about trials and hardship in the Christian life?**

- 4. Foundations are usually hidden once a house is built. What are some “hidden foundations” that can quietly shape a person’s life without others noticing?**
- 5. The speaker asks us to examine whether we are living according to the ways of the world or the ways of Jesus. What helps you honestly evaluate which foundation you are building on?**


Reflection Challenge

This week, take time to honestly examine your foundation:

Have I been content with hearing Jesus’ words without fully living them out?

**Are there areas of my life where I’ve chosen convenience over obedience?
If a storm were to come, what would it reveal about what my life is built on?**

Remember:

-  **Storms come to everyone**
-  **Foundations matter more than appearances**
-  **Obedience is what gives stability**

Prayer

Jesus,

Thank You for teaching me what truly gives life stability.

Help me not just to hear Your words, but to follow them.

Reveal any shortcuts I’ve taken and give me the courage to rebuild if needed.

Help me build my life on You, the solid foundation that will stand through every storm.

Teach me to trust that Your way is always the better way.

Amen.

