

HOW ARE YOU BUILDING?

Hearing and Doing the Words of Jesus as His apprentices: Luke 6:46–49

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?” — Jesus

THE CORE QUESTION

Calling Jesus “Lord” is a declaration of authority, not just belief. Jesus presses us to consider whether our **confession matches our obedience**.

Storms don’t test appearances. - *They reveal foundations.*

JESUS’ TEACHING (LUKE 6:46–49)

Two Builders

- Both **hear** Jesus’ words
- Both **build** a house
- Both face the **same storm**

One Difference - *What they did with what they heard.*

Builder One

- Dug deep
- Laid the foundation on the rock
- House stood firm

Builder Two

- Built quickly
- No foundation
- Immediate collapse
- Great ruin

Obedience is the slow, unseen work that prepares us for what we cannot control.

THE ASSUMPTION JESUS MAKES

Storms are not optional. Trials are not a sign of failure—they are a certainty of life.

The question is not *if* pressure will come, but **what your life is built on when it does.**

THE EXAMPLE WE FOLLOW

Jesus Himself lived perfect obedience.

“Although He was a Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered... and became the source of eternal salvation.”

— Hebrews 5:8–9

We are: **Saved** by Christ’s obedience & **Shaped** by walking in obedience

Jesus never calls us to a path He did not walk first. As His apprentices we choose to imitate him.

Meditate on 1 Peter 4:1-2.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Take time this week to reflect honestly:

1. What is Jesus currently asking me to obey?
2. What “foundation work” have I been avoiding?
3. How do I respond when obedience is costly?
4. What storm has revealed the condition of my foundation?
5. What would it look like to fully trust Jesus as Lord?

The safest place in every storm is a life built on **hearing and doing the words of Jesus.**

Three simple things for us to remember this year as we are practicing the Way:

Be with Jesus

Become like Him

Do as He did