

I. Intro and Text

A. Matt 7:24-27 NKJV “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

1. Jesus speaks of the significance of building your life on the right foundation.**2. The foundation is the WORD of God.**

- a. He that hears my sayings and does them.
- b. The sayings of Jesus are not limited to the things Jesus said in the gospels.
- c. Jesus appeared to the Apostle Paul and John
- d. He gave other revelation through visions – *Peter*
- e. The Epistles/Letters to the churches are the words of Jesus to us.
- f. All HIS counsel that comes through the WORD of God is to become our foundation.

3. The foundation is what makes the difference.

- a. The storm was the same for both men in the illustration.
- b. The difference maker was the foundation that they chose to build upon.
- c. Building upon the Words of Jesus secured that one in the storm.
- d. The one who lacked the foundation of the word – suffered great loss - NO FOUNDATION.

4. Jesus is giving this illustration for us.

- a. He wants us to understand the significance of building our life upon the Word of God
- b. He wants us to understand the potential of that foundation when it comes to the storms of life.
- c. He wants us to understand the potential LOSS for those who do not take time to build their life upon the Word.

II. The foundation makes a difference.

A. The house built upon the Word knows how to respond to the storm.

1. The Word responds to storms.

- a. Whatever you are full of will surface in the storm.
- b. If you are full of fear, fear will surface and respond in storms
- c. If you are full of worry – worry will surface
- d. If you are full of the WORD - the word will respond
- e. The response of the WORD is the response of FAITH.

2. Jesus's response to the storm.

- a. **Mark 4:39 NKJV** "Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, '**Peace, be still!**' And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.
- b. Jesus' life was built upon the Word:

John 14:24 NKJV "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me"

John 12:49-50 NKJV "For I have not spoken on My own *authority*; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

- c. Whatever storm Jesus encountered, The WORD within responded.

3. When our life is built upon the foundation of the Word, the Word will respond to the circumstances of life.

- a. **Instead of fear – faith will come forth**
- b. **Instead of defeat – victory will come forth.**

4. The Word of God acts as a shield.

- a. **Prov 30:5 CEV** "Everything God says is true--and it's a shield for all who come to Him for safety."
- b. **Psalms 91:1-6 NKJV** "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, '*He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.*' Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler *And* from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you

shall take refuge; **His truth *shall be your shield and buckler***. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, *Nor* of the arrow *that* flies by day, *Nor* of the pestilence *that* walks in darkness, *Nor* of the destruction *that* lays waste at noonday”

- His truth shall be your shield and buckler
- **NLT:** “His faithful promises are your armor and protection”
- **Aramaic Bible in Plain English:** “His truth shall surround you as a supply of armor”
- **His truth is His word!**
- **John 17:17 NKJV:** “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”
- **Psalms 119:160 NKJV:** “The entirety of Your word *is* truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever.”

B. How do you know that your life is built upon the foundation of the Word?

1. The Word within:

- a. We are to have the WORD dwelling and abiding within us.
 - **John 15:7 NKJV** “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”
 - **Many translations:** “*If my word REMAINS in you.*”
- b. Christians who do not have the Word of God abiding within do not have the needed foundation when the storm arises.
- c. Building the word within is building the right foundation.

2. There will be evidence.

- a. When we truly have the foundation of the word working for us, there will be evidence.
- b. The Word proceeding from our mouth is evidence.
 - **Matt 12:34 NKJV** “Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”
 - **AMP:** “The mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.”
 - **Aramaic:** “For from the FULLNESS of the heart the mouth speaks”
 - **GWT:** “Your mouth says what comes from inside you.”

PASTOR'S NOTE: *If there is no faith coming from your mouth – there is no faith inside. If negativity always comes out of your mouth, there is negativity inside. **THE WORD PROCEEDING FROM YOUR MOUTH IS EVIDENCE OF THE FOUNDATION OF YOUR LIFE.***

- 3. I can tell what the foundation of your life is by your speaking and your actions.**
 - a. If the only thing you can tell me is symptoms, online statistics, doctor's prognosis, and other things connected to the physical world, I know your foundation is built upon natural means.
 - b. If you can tell me what the Word says regarding healing, blessing, protection, prosperity, covenant, etc. I know your foundation is not of this world. It is built upon spiritual things.
- 4. The foundation of this world's system will not produce supernatural results.**
- 5. The foundation of God's word will carry you far beyond anything the natural world can offer.**
- 6. The foundation of God's word gives entry into the supernatural.**
 - a. Supernatural protection from the storm
 - b. Supernatural results of overcoming the storm
 - c. Supernatural results of healing
 - d. Supernatural provision
 - e. Supernatural peace

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Taking time to build the right foundation is never wasted time!*