

I. FACTS ABOUT STORMS:

- We can try to IGNORE the storm.
- We can be FRIGHTENED by the storm.
- We can try to FIGHT the storm.
- We can LEAN on the one who controls the storm.

Matthew 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.”*

II. THE STORMS ON THE HOUSE ON THE ROCK

- A. He tells us the SAME trials came to both of them.
- B. THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT AS A CHRISTIAN, YOU HAVE A FOUNDATION THAT HOLDS YOU UP THROUGH THE STORMS!

III. WHAT IS “THE HOUSE ON THE ROCK”?

Verse 24 *“Everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts upon them may be COMPARED to a man who built his house upon the rock.”*

- A. BUILDING YOUR HOUSE ON THE ROCK MEANS DOING WHAT JESUS SAYS!
- B. BUILDING YOUR HOUSE ON THE SAND MEANS NOT DOING WHAT JESUS SAYS.

James 1:22-25 says, *“But prove yourselves DOERS of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.”*

IV. HOW TO BUILD YOUR HOUSE ON THE ROCK

1. “Jesus’ words are meant to be OBEYED, not just heard.
John 14:23-24 *“Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”*
2. Can others around you testify that you are a Christ follower because your ACTIONS are in line with God’s WORD?

ACTION POINTS

1. How you see the storm will determine your success.
2. How you maneuver through storms reveals your weakness or strength.
3. Storms expose errors in your plan that may lead to catastrophe.
4. Storms are wake-up calls to let you know if you’ve grown spiritually or not.