



## STAYING GROUNDED IN TOUGH TIMES

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*“Therefore **everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But **everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man** who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”*

<sup>28</sup> *When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,<sup>29</sup> because he taught as one **who had authority**, and not as their teachers of the law. **Matthew 7:24***

## DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

**1. EYES ON JESUS** *“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” **Hebrews 12:2,3***

### **2. BE ALERT**

*“But you, **keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.**” **2 Timothy 4:5***

*“Blessed is the one **who does not walk in step with the wicked** or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, <sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, **and who meditates on his law day and night.** <sup>3</sup> That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither- whatever they do prospers.”*

**Psalm 1:1-3**

### **3. STAY ENCOURAGED**

*“I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason, I remind you to **fan into flame** the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. **For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.**” **2 Timothy 1:4-7***

### **4. STAY FAITHFUL TO SCRIPTURE**

*“**All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable** for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that all God’s people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

**Timothy 3:16-17**

*“But as for you, **continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of**, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” **2 Timothy 3:14-15***

*“We also thank God continually because, **when you received the Word of God** which you heard from us, **you accepted it, not as the word of men, but actually as it is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe.**” **1 Thessalonians 2:13***