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The Foundation for a Strong Life and Home

Introduction

Have you ever thought about what your life is built on? I mean, really thought about it? Because here's the truth: storms are coming. They come for everyone. And when they do, your foundation will be the one thing that determines whether you stand strong or collapse under the pressure.

Today, we're diving into a message that Jesus Himself gave in Matthew 7. It's about two men, two houses, and one big difference that made all the difference in the world.

What Are You Building On?

Let's turn to Matthew 7:24-27, where Jesus tells the story of two builders:

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house, yet it didn't collapse because its foundation was on the rock.

But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash."

Jesus ends one of His most famous teachings—the Sermon on the Mount—by making this powerful statement. After laying out the principles for a God-centered life, He says, "Now you have a choice. You can either build your life on my words or on something else. But storms will come, and your foundation will determine your outcome."

What the Two Builders Had in Common

At first glance, these two men seem very similar.

1. They Were Both Building a House

Both men had the same goal: to build a strong, lasting home. In Scripture, a "house" can represent a few things:

- **Your personal life** – the choices you make, the person you become.
- **Your family** – the relationships you invest in, the kind of home you create.
- **Your ministry or church** – how you serve and impact others for God's kingdom.

Everyone is building something. Whether you're single or married, young or old, you're constructing a life every day with the decisions you make.

2. They Both Heard the Words of Jesus

Jesus makes it clear that both men *heard* His teachings. This means they weren't completely ignorant of God's truth.

They likely went to the same synagogue, listened to the same sermons, and had access to the same wisdom. But knowledge alone wasn't enough.

3. They Both Faced a Storm

Here's the reality: storms come for everyone. Whether you follow Jesus or not, you will face challenges.

- Financial hardship.
- Health crises.
- Marriage struggles.
- Loss and grief.

Jesus never promises a storm-free life. He promises a storm-proof foundation.

The One Key Difference

So what separated the wise builder from the foolish one?

Application.

- The wise builder *heard* Jesus' words and *acted* on them. He obeyed, trusted, and built his life on God's truth.
- The foolish builder *heard* Jesus' words but *ignored* them. Maybe he agreed with them in theory but didn't apply them in real life.

That's the difference. And Jesus says that when the storm comes, the house built on the rock will stand firm, while the house on the sand will collapse.

What Is Your Foundation?

If you want to know what your life is built on, just wait until the storm comes. It will expose your foundation every time.

When you lose your job, does your world fall apart, or do you trust that God will provide? When a relationship struggles, do you seek God's wisdom, or do you rely on your own emotions?

A strong foundation is built *before* the storm. You can't start pouring concrete when the rain is already falling.

You Can Rebuild on the Rock

Here's the good news: God gives us the opportunity to relocate. If you've been building on sand—if you've been relying on your own wisdom instead of God's—He invites you to rebuild on the rock.

James 1:2-5 says:

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance... If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault."

If you're unsure where to start, ask God for wisdom. He delights in giving it to those who seek Him in faith.

Conclusion: Which Builder Are You?

As we close, I want you to ask yourself: *Which builder do I look like?*

- Am I just hearing God's Word, or am I applying it?
- Am I trusting God's wisdom over my own?
- When storms come, will my foundation hold?

God is inviting you to build your life, your family, and your future on the solid rock of His truth. Make the decision today to trust and obey Him fully.

Let's pray.

Father, today we come before You acknowledging that we need You as our foundation. Help us build our lives, our homes, and our ministries on Your unshakable truth. If we've been building on the sand, we surrender today and choose to trust Your ways above our own. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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