

A Strong Foundation

READ: Matthew 7:24-28

²⁴ Jesus said “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. ²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at His teaching, ²⁹ for He taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

REFLECT:

What was the difference between the two people? (vv. 24, 26)

When Jesus taught the crowds He told them many important things on how to live for God. There were two ways people could react to His teaching. They could either listen and obey Jesus or listen and ignore what He said. Those who trusted Jesus’ words have a strong foundation because Jesus always speaks the truth.

We have the same choice. We can hear Jesus’ words and obey them. This will give us a strong foundation. Or we can hear His words and ignore them as we try life on our own. If we do this, we won’t have a strong foundation. The best way to become more like Jesus is to study His teachings and obey them so we can be more like Him.

RESPOND:

What will you do so you can have a strong foundation and live for Jesus?

Thank God for giving His Word which are full of His teachings that help us have a strong foundation and ask Him to help you follow His teachings and live for Him.

Thank God for _____

Pray for _____