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**What Is Your Life Built Upon?**

Matthew 7:24-29

**Key Truth:** Jesus Christ is the greatest and the strongest foundation for our lives.

**A Reality Check Regarding Storms:**

1. The question is not whether a storm will come; but when the

 storm comes will you be prepared?

**Characteristics Of The Wise Builder:**

1. To build our life on the solid foundation, we must act on the

 teachings of Jesus. James 1:22-25

2. The house stood firm through the storm.

**The Characteristics Of The Foolish Builder:**

1. To go through life and disregard the teachings and

 warnings of Jesus, is to live foolishly.

2. The house collapsed from the storm due to the weak

 foundation.

**The Crowds Response:**

1. They were amazed He spoke with authority, but they didn’t

 submit to His authority.

**What We Learn:**

1. Life’s storms reveal our spiritual foundation.

2. Jesus is the only foundation that provides stability, security,

 and hope.

3. To have a life built on the solid foundation, we must commit

 to obeying the teachings of Jesus.

4. The teachings of Jesus are not meant to be admired, but to be

 obeyed.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Keep your feet firmly planted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Allow His Word to shape and change us from the inside out.

**Food For Thought:**

What is the first thing that must be done before any house or building can be built? Why is the foundation for a house the most important part of the building?

What things would you say are foundational in your life for the way you live?

Read Deuteronomy 32:1-2: Why do you think the Lord wants His Word to “fall like rain…settle like dew…like gentle rain on new grass”? Why do you think He compares His Word to water?

Read Psalm 18:31-33: How did David describe God in these verses?

Read Matthew 7:24-29: Why do you think that Jesus compares one who follows His words to a man who has built his house on a rock?

Why do you think that Jesus’ words astonished the crowd?

**Hymn:**

**My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less**

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,

But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;

All other ground is sinking sand,

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