

TRUTH STORIES

PARABLES OF JESUS

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Matthew 7:24-27

“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. 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. 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. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Notes:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Please read Matthew 7:24-27. This parable follows the Sermon on the Mount. Why do you think Jesus concluded his sermon with this parable?
2. In what ways are the wise and foolish builders similar? In what ways are the wise and foolish builders different?
3. We are all building our lives on something. Give some examples of the kind of “sand” people are building their lives on. What “sand” have you tried to build your life on? What is the relationship between “. . . and puts them into practice” in verse 24 and “. . . had its foundation on the rock” in verse 25?
4. Recall a time when you read or listened to the word of God without obeying it. How did that impact you? What has been your experience when you read or listen to God’s word and obey it?
5. Describe a time in your life when you found Christ to be a sure foundation in life’s storms.

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