

Foundational Words To Build A Life On

Matthew 7:21-29 (MSG)

21 "Knowing the correct password - saying 'Master, Master,' for instance - isn't going to get you anywhere with me. What is required is serious obedience - doing what my Father wills.

22 I can see it now - at the Final Judgment thousands strutting up to me and saying, 'Master, we preached the Message, we bashed the demons, our God-sponsored projects had everyone talking.'

23 And do you know what I am going to say? 'You missed the boat. All you did was use me to make yourselves important. You don't impress me one bit. You're out of here.'

24 "These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are **FOUNDATIONAL WORDS, WORDS TO BUILD A LIFE ON**. If you work these words into your life, you are like a **SMART CARPENTER** who built his house on **SOLID ROCK**.

25 Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit - but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.

26 "But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a **STUPID CARPENTER** who built his house on the sandy beach.

27 When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards."

28 When Jesus concluded his address, the crowd burst into applause. They had never heard teaching like this.

29 It was apparent that he was living everything he was saying - quite a contrast to their religion teachers! This was the best teaching they had ever heard.

#1 The Wise

#2 The Foolish

Storms can be devastating!

The same is true of life...

No one knows when the storm will come.

Some storms are unavoidable...

But there are some storms that you DON'T have to go through!

Sampson's life was a series of storms, tragedies, loss, heartbreak, and every one of them was a product of his own self-will and actions birthed out of the desires of his flesh!

Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace was supposed to prove publicly that the faith of the three Hebrew children was worthless...

It was his intention to publicly humiliate the testimony and the confession of these three men of faith!

"Don't be a stupid carpenter!"

Proverbs 12:1 (ESV) - Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is STUPID!

Jesus reveals that when the house is destroyed in the storm, it is a foundation problem!

Matthew 7:24 (ESV) - If you work these words into your life, you are like a SMART CARPENTER who built his house on solid rock.

The wise man understands that the most necessary thing in his house is the foundation!

The wise man is more concerned with what others cannot see than what they can see!

Jesus spent 30 years of his life laying a foundation for a 3 1/2 year ministry!

What was Jesus doing in all those silent years?

He was laying the foundation for his ministry!

Jesus was teaching us how to build our lives!

“Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

“There are no shortcuts in the Kingdom of God!”

The wise man or woman digs down deep!

“If you do this thing right, you’ll still be standing after the storm is over!”

“You’ve got to work God’s Words into your life!”

Mt. 16:15-18 (ESV)

15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this ROCK I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

John 6:63 (ESV) - It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. THE WORDS THAT I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU are spirit and life.

John 6:66-69

66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.
 67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE,
 69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

Luke 6:46-47 (CSB)

46 "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and don't do the things I say?
 47 I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, HEARS my words, and ACTS on them:

People NEED you to make it so that they can have an example to follow!

So... What's the secret?

The secret is... You have to find the solid rock of God's Word about your situation and stand on it!

2Sam. 22:2 - He said: "The LORD is my ROCK, my fortress and my deliverer;

Psalm 62:6. - He alone is my ROCK and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

Psalm 40:2 - He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a ROCK and gave me a firm place to stand.

Psalm 61:2 (ESV) - from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the ROCK that is higher than I,

You're going to make it if you're being built on the solid rock foundation of God's Word!

Don't be a stupid carpenter... Put God's Words into action in your life!