

## Building Your Life on Solid Rock Part 15

<sup>24</sup> “Anyone who listens to My teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on **solid rock**. **Matthew 7** [final summary]

The problem in many churches today is **DROP OUT** ! What causes this?

<sup>24</sup> “Anyone who listens to My teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> But anyone who hears My teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. <sup>27</sup> When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”  
Matthew 7:24-27

**Everybody here today is...** 1) headed into a storm 2) in a storm 3) just out of storm 4) all the above  
Just because you are a Christians does **NOT** mean storms will not come!

## TO WEATHER STORMS OF LIFE YOU WILL NEED THESE THREE THINGS

### 1. YOU MUST HAVE A **STRONG** BUILDING!

<sup>10</sup> Because of God’s grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. <sup>13</sup> But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person’s work has any value. <sup>14</sup> If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

All of us are building a house. Everyone’s house is different. But the biggest Difference is not what we see above ground but what is below the surface—**THE FOUNDATION**

.....when someone comes to Me, listens to My teaching, and then follows it. <sup>48</sup> It is like a person building a house who **digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock**. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built.  
Luke 6:47-48

The Foundation is Jesus and We Believe and Receive Him by hearing and **OBEYING** the word of God

<sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

Romans 10:17

be doers of the word and not hearers only and be deceived

James 1:22

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? <sup>15</sup> Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, <sup>16</sup> and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? <sup>17</sup> So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. <sup>18</sup> Now someone may argue, “Some people have faith; others have good deeds.” But I say, **“How can you show me your faith if you don’t have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds.”** <sup>19</sup> You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. <sup>20</sup> How foolish! Can’t you see that faith without good deeds is useless?

James 2:14-20

## A Word of Clarification of Paul's "saved by grace not works" and James "faith without works is dead"!

They are two sides of the same coin. Paul is looking at salvation from God's view and James is looking at salvation from man's view→

Root vs. Fruit

Foundation vs. Building

Know so vs. Show so

Provision vs. Proof

Abraham and Rahab

## 2. YOU CAN EXPECT A **STORMY** BLAST

**When** *the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house*

Matthew 7:25

*Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.*

Job 14:1

**Faith cannot be tested, cannot be trusted!**

*we are more than conquerors* Romans 8:37

*never leave you*

Hebrews 13:5,6

## 3. EXPERIENCE THE **STEADFAST** BLESSING!

<sup>24</sup> *"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise..."*

**it did not collapse** *These people left our churches, but they never really belonged with us;*

*otherwise they would have stayed with us. When they left, it proved that they did not belong with us.*

I John 2:19

**2 Houses**

**Simon Peter**

**Judas Iscariot**