

Rock-Solid

Part 1

Can your foundation weather the life you're building?

Answering the 'How?', 'What?', and 'Why?' questions of life

Text: AGASK to: 97000

Key verses: Psalm 127:1; Matthew 7:24-27

▶ The Lord's job is to **REVEAL** foundational truth

Constructive thoughts:

▶ Neither home was **IMMUNE** to the hurricanes of life

▶ Hurricanes test the **QUALITY** of your spiritual foundation

▶ Both homeowners clearly **UNDERSTOOD** foundational truth

▶ Only one difference is noted: one homeowner **PRACTICED** the truths

▶ The Lord's job is to **REVEAL** foundational truths; our job is to put them into **ACTION**

▶ **EVERYONE** gets cracks in their foundation; **REPAIR** them by practicing new truths.

▶ Have you **SUBMITTED** to Jesus' truth as the right foundation?

▶ Are you **PRACTICING** the foundational truths that weather life's hurricanes?

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Life Group Discussion Questions – June 5, 2022

Matthew 7:24-27 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall."

DISCOVER

1. You've built your dream house. However, for different reasons, you took some short-cuts on the foundation. What kinds of problems might you anticipate your "forever" home to have, especially as it ages? In a similar way, how have you compromised your spiritual foundation in Christ?
2. Is it possible for a house to fall down even if it's built on the strictest of building codes? Explain.
3. How do unbelievers typically categorize their character-building foundational truths? What kinds of lasting values do they hope to pass on to their children and, therefore, their grandchildren?

EXPLORE

1. Re-read Matthew 7:24-27. What words was Jesus referring to when He said "...these words of Mine"? What is the significance of those words? What is the context?
2. The fall of the sand-built house was very great. How come?
3. Is knowing the same as understanding? Why is doing so important to hearing, believing and knowing? So then, are we saved by what we do? How can you justify your answer?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-17. What does it mean for us to be the dwelling place of God?
5. Read Hebrews 13:8. Explain how this truth helps to build your foundation.

EXPERIENCE

1. Did you ever do something you thought was true or right, only to find out you were wrong? What is your greatest take-away from that experience? Is that take-away now part of your foundation?
2. There is a saying that says: "Practice makes permanent." Are you practicing the foundational truths that weather life's hurricanes? What happens if you've been practicing something wrong which you initially believed to be right? What necessary adjustments might you make?
3. How well are you doing at hearing the words of Jesus? How well are you doing at actually doing the words of Jesus?

PRAY

Pray...Our God and Father, it's true that when I listen, I forget; that hearing Your words is not enough. Increase my faith, Lord. Give me just enough to take the next step...the courage to actually do Your word; that my heart would open so that I might not only remember, but that I would truly understand.

Action... The deeper our foundation in Christ, the higher we can build our houses (the more Christ-like we become). What one deeper foundational truth can you establish this week?