

The Sermon on the Mount: Firm Foundations

Matthew 7:24-29

📖 Matthew 7:24 (NIV) “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.”

We all experience the same stormy weather.

📖 Matthew 7:25 (NIV) “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.”

📖 Matthew 7:27 (NIV) “The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

- **Rain: The circumstances that won't let up.**

- **Floods: The worries that won't shut up.**

📖 Psalm 69:1–3 (NIV) “Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck. ² I sink in the miry depths, where there is no foothold. I have come into the deep waters; the floods engulf me. ³ I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched. My eyes fail, looking for my God.”

- **Wind: The pressure that won't lighten up.**

We do not all weather our storms the same.

1. A **Firm** Foundation = **Doing** what Jesus said to do.

📖 Matthew 7:24–25 (NIV) “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. ²⁵ 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.”

📖 James 1:22 (NIV) “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

2. A **Flimsy** Foundation = **Disregarding** what Jesus said to do.

📖 Matthew 7:26–27 (NIV) “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. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

📖 Proverbs 22:3 (NIV) “A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it.”

📖 Psalm 119:105 (NIV) “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”

📖 Matthew 7:28–29 (NIV) “When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at His teaching, ²⁹ because He taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.”

Digging Deeper—What storms has your mom weathered? How has she helped you weather your storms? Of the “rains,” “floods,” and “winds” that Pastor Mike talked about today, which one seems to be the most familiar to you? In what ways are you applying what Jesus has taught? Has your faith been tested? Is Jesus THE authority in your life?