



Storyteller

# THE TWO BUILDERS

PART 3  
MATTHEW 7:24-27

**Matthew 7:24-27**, *Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.*

## 1. THE MEN

**Matthew 7:24**, *Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

### IN COMMON

- ✿ The men both hear “these words.”
- ✿ The men both build houses.
- ✿ The men both experience a storm.

### NOT IN COMMON

- ✿ One “does.” | One “does not.”
- ✿ One built on a foundation of rock. | One built on a foundation of sand.
- ✿ One house stands. | One house falls.

**James 1:22-25**, *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.*

**James 2:18-19** *But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.*

## 2. THE STORM

**Matthew 7:25 & 27**, *And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock... The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”*

**James 1:12**, *Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.*

## STORMS EXPOSE THE BAD.

- ✳️ **Storms Expose a Shallow Foundation** | The storm exposes the house built on the sand and it comes down with a crash. Building a house on the sands of this life will result in disaster.
- ✳️ **Ezekiel 13:10-12**, “This will happen because these evil prophets deceive my people by saying, ‘All is peaceful’ when there is no peace at all! It’s as if the people have built a flimsy wall, and these prophets are trying to reinforce it by covering it with whitewash! Tell these whitewashers that their wall will soon fall down. A heavy rainstorm will undermine it; great hailstones and mighty winds will knock it down. And when the wall falls, the people will cry out, ‘What happened to your whitewash?’

## STORMS EXPOSE THE GOOD.

- ✳️ **Storms Expose a Firm Foundation** | A firm foundation reveals a life that endures through the storm and was built in grace by trusting in Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- ✳️ **Matthew 8:23-27**, Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!” He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”

# 3. THE FOUNDATION

**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.*

### A FIRM FOUNDATION OBEYS CHRIST

- ✳️ “The believer must take Jesus at his word and build his house of faith on him alone. Jesus is the foundation upon whom the wise man builds.” - Simon Kistemaker
- ✳️ **Philippians 1:22**, I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know.

### A FIRM FOUNDATION SUCCEEDS IN THE STORM

- ✳️ Because of Jesus storms only enhance our perspective! They bring out faith.
- ✳️ **Psalm 46:1-3**, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*
- ✳️ **Isaiah 26:3-4**, You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.
- ✳️ **James 1:2-5**, Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

### A FIRM FOUNDATION STANDS IN THE END

- ✳️ **Philippians 1:21**, For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.