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The Wise and Foolish Builders

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Ordinary People; Extraordinary God

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

1. The house represents our _____.
2. Each life must be built on a _____.
3. What did Jesus say about the options available to the first hearers of this parable?
 - **SOLID ROCK** – someone who _____ the Word of God and puts that teaching into _____. In a storm, their house will _____.
 - **SAND** – someone who _____ the Word of God, but _____ put that teaching into practice. In a storm, their house will _____.
4. _____ are going to be a part of our lives. In fact, it is often only during a storm or

**crisis that our _____ is proven to either
be _____ or _____.**

How can you tell what kind of foundation a life has been built on? Watch to see what happens when a storm comes. A life built upon the Word of God will withstand the very storm that sweeps away the life that did not heed God's Word. There are no shortcuts to spiritual maturity. Maturity only comes through hard work and obedience to what God says. (Henry Blackaby, Experiencing God Day-by-Day, December 16.)

5. To be a wise builder, we must:

- **_____ that Jesus Christ is our
Savior and Lord.**

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9, NLT)

- **Spend time _____ His Word by
_____ the Bible and talking to
Him through _____ each day.**

¹²For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.
¹³Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable. (Hebrews 4:12-13, NLT)

- **Put those teachings into _____
through _____ to the Word.**

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. (James 1:22, NLT)

³ Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. ⁵ And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God. (1 John 5:3-5, NLT)

- ¹ Joyful are people of integrity,
 who follow the instructions of the LORD.
- ² Joyful are those who obey his laws
 and search for him with all their hearts.
- ³ They do not compromise with evil,
 and they walk only in his paths.
- ⁴ You have charged us
 to keep your commandments carefully.
- ⁵ Oh, that my actions would consistently
 reflect your decrees!
- ⁶ Then I will not be ashamed
 when I compare my life with your commands.
- ⁷ As I learn your righteous regulations,
 I will thank you by living as I should!
- ⁸ I will obey your decrees.
 Please don't give up on me!
 (Psalm 119:1-8, NLT)