

August 30th, 2026

A Foundation That Can Be Trusted

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IMPLICATIONS

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_____. Matt 7:24-27

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3. The Spirit can do what _____ never can.

TALK IT OVER

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Paul admits that he came to Corinth "in weakness with great fear and trembling." How does that challenge your assumptions about what courage or spiritual maturity looks like?

The message suggested that we often place our confidence in things like money, success, politics, education, relationships, or even religious leaders because we're looking for something deeper—security, significance, certainty, control, or approval. Which of those do you most often find yourself looking for, and where are you tempted to seek it apart from Christ?

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