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WEEK 34 · 2026

2026 THEME
Transformed to Bear Much Fruit

THIS WEEK'S STUDY

Building a House That Will Stand Firm

Matthew 7:24–29

I Introduction

Everyone is building something. We are building our personal lives, marriages, families, and our relationship with God. In the Bible, a "house" can refer not only to a physical building but also to a life, family, or household. A well-built life can help establish a strong family; strong families build a strong church; and a strong church can positively influence society.

Matthew 7:24–29 concludes the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus taught about the values of God's Kingdom and how His followers should live. He ends His teaching with the illustration of two men who built houses. Both had the same desire to build, both heard the words of Jesus, and both eventually faced the same storm. Yet one house stood while the other fell.

II Two Builders

The Wise Builder

Heard the words of Jesus and obeyed them. True wisdom is not simply knowing God's Word, attending church, or listening to sermons; it is allowing God's Word to shape the way we actually live.

The Foolish Builder

Heard the same words but did not put them into practice. The difference between the two builders was what they did with what they heard.

STORMS COME TO EVERYONE

Both houses faced storms. Being a Christian does not mean we will never experience difficulties. Sickness, financial problems, disappointment, conflict, loss, and other challenges can come to anyone. What matters is the foundation upon which our lives and families are built.

As we study this passage, we are challenged to examine our own foundations. Are we merely **hearing** God's Word, or are we **putting it into practice**? Is Jesus Christ truly the foundation of our lives, marriages, and families?

III Discussion Questions

1. What are some of the "storms" that can test the strength of our lives, marriages, and families, and how should Christians respond when these storms come?
2. According to our text, what does it practically mean to build our lives and families on Jesus Christ?
3. What are some of the alternative "foundations" people build their lives and families upon today, and why can they not provide lasting security?
4. Jesus describes the wise person as someone who hears His words and puts them into practice. In what areas can Christians hear God's Word regularly but still struggle to obey it?

MEMORY VERSE

Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

PSALM 127:1 (NKJV)

✷ ACTION POINT

This week, prayerfully examine the foundation upon which you are building your life and family. Identify one area where you already know what God's Word requires but have not fully put it into practice, and take a deliberate step of obedience. Families: spend time together discussing, "What can we do differently to make Christ more clearly the foundation of our home?"

Conclusion

The two builders heard the same words and faced the same storm, but their foundations produced different outcomes. Jesus reminds us that hearing God's Word is not enough; wisdom is putting it into practice. Storms will come, but a life and family built on Jesus Christ have a foundation that can stand. Therefore, let us build our lives, marriages, and families on Christ, the solid Rock, and live in obedience to His Word.