



## Foundational Choices

**Series:** Kingdom Stories for Everyday Life

**Scripture:** Matthew 7:25-29

**Big Question:** What are you \_\_\_\_\_ your life \_\_\_\_\_?

Similarities of the two builders:

- They both \_\_\_\_\_ (v24, 26)
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  - 1 Corinthians 3:10
- They both were \_\_\_\_\_ (v25, 27)
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ of life will \_\_\_\_\_ your faith or \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.
  - 1 Peter 1:7
  - We'll all face the storm of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Differences of the two houses:

- What they \_\_\_\_\_ with what they \_\_\_\_\_. (v24, 26)
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    - \_\_\_\_\_ fruit (vv17-19)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ God's will (v21)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' words (v24, 26)
  - It's the difference between being a wise or foolish person
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ builds their lives on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The wise person is the person who comes to Jesus, hears His commands, and obeys them as he builds his life on Jesus and His teaching.
  - It doesn't matter how \_\_\_\_\_ to the rock you build your life, because "close to" is not the same as "\_\_\_\_\_".
- The final \_\_\_\_\_

What will your response to Jesus' words be?

**Start talking.**

- When you imagine your life five or ten years from now, what do you hope will still be standing no matter what happens?
- Can you think of a time when something you thought was solid or secure turned out not to be? What revealed it?
- What's something people commonly build their lives around that seems strong at first but often doesn't last?

**Start thinking:**

- What part of Jesus' story about the two builders stood out to you most this time?
- Why do you think Jesus ended the Sermon on the Mount with this particular story?
- When you hear the phrase "storms of life," what kinds of storms come to mind?
- Why is it significant that both builders heard Jesus' words, but only one acted on them? What does this parable teach us about the difference between hearing, believing, and obeying?
- Why do you think the foundation is hidden until the storm reveals it? How does this parable challenge the idea that being "close to Jesus" is enough?

**Start Sharing:**

- Can you identify a season when a "storm" revealed what your faith was really built on?
- Where are you most tempted to admire Jesus' teaching without fully practicing it?
- What has helped you move from simply hearing God's Word to actively obeying it?

**Start Praying:**

- Ask God to reveal any areas where your foundation may be shifting sand.
- Pray for courage to obey Jesus even when it's difficult or costly.
- Thank God for being a faithful foundation who holds firm in every storm.

**Start Doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week

- What is one specific teaching of Jesus you sense God calling you to practice this week?
- What spiritual habit could help you dig deeper and strengthen your foundation?
- Who can you invite to walk with you in obedience and accountability?