

# STRENGTH IN THE STORM

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Matthew 7:24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. (NIV)

## Common Elements of the Story

- Both had a desire to build a house.
- Both labored hard to build a house.
- Both houses might have looked the same.
- Both completed their houses.
- Both houses faced storms.

## Contrasting Elements of the Story

- One was wise, and one was foolish.
- One built on rock, and one built on sand.
- One heard and acted (wise man), and one heard and failed to act (foolish man).

## Applications of the Story

- I am the **builder of my life**.

- I can **choose what foundation** on which to **build my life**.

- **Storms will come into my life**.

- **Storms will reveal the strengths and weaknesses of my life. They will reveal my foundation**.

- I can have **strength in the storms of life if I hear God and do what he says**.

## What am I building my life on?

James 1:22 “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. (NIV)

## Will I hear and do what Jesus says?

1 Corinthians 3:10 ...But each one should be careful how he builds. 11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. (NIV)