

21 DAYS OF PRAYER

Matthew 7:24-27

*²⁴ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who **built his house** on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone **who hears these words of mine** and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ **And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.**”*

Big Idea

In today’s lesson we see that we all have some things in common in this life: we are all building our life on some foundation, we hear the gospel, and we experience storms. Jesus contrasted the wise person from the foolish one by whether they put His words into practice. Our real life begins when we submit to Christ and are transformed by His grace. With Christ as our foundation, we build on our house strong by making our decisions in obedience to God’s Word so that we are ready for the storms that will inevitably come!

The question that was asked today was: “Are you paying attention to the gaps in your life?” In other words, what is the gap between where you are right now and where you ought to be in your walk with Jesus? As you pray today, ask the Holy Spirit to show you what areas of your life’s “construction” need more maintenance.

Discussion Questions

- What impacted you most about today’s video teaching?
- James 1:22 says we are to be “doers” of the word, not just “hearers.” Discuss some ways this verse could apply to Jesus’ analogy of the two foundations.
- Think about the statement, “Those who teach by doctrine must live it out or they pull down with one hand what they build with the other.” What are some ways inconsistencies in our obedience can create distance between us and God? Between us and other people?
- What are some gaps the Holy Spirit is revealing to you in today’s study? What do you sense needs to change?
- What difference do you think it would make in your life if you focused more on closing the gaps that He has identified?

Prayer Focus

Spend some time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to show you areas of inconsistency or disobedience that are hindering your spiritual growth. Ask God to help you “close the gaps” in where you are to where you ought to be. Remember 1 John 1:9 says that He is faithful to forgive us when we confess our sins. Confess these “gaps” to Him today and begin to live with a renewed passion for seeing Christ’s power working in your life!

Next Step

If the Holy Spirit revealed areas that need maintenance, write them down in your journal and commit to change. Identify any obstacles or hindrances that are holding you back from experiencing spiritual growth. If you are not in a Life Group, find one that will help you with accountability.