

MSG: FOUNDATIONS

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 7:24-27 ESV

SZN 3: REVIVAL THROUGH BUILDING

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“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 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.”

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“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. 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.””

1. THE FOUNDATION OF HEARING GOD’S WORD

Matthew 7:24 ESV

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HEARING GOD’S WORD EXPOSES THE LIE

1 Thessalonians 2:13 ESV

“And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.”

HEARING GOD'S WORD PRESENTS THE TRUTH

Matthew 7:13-14

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”

This is not a one and done thing — you choose during every season of life which path you desire to take.

WE ALL HAVE A CHOICE

Luke 11:28 NLT

“Jesus replied, “But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice.””

2. THE FOUNDATION OF DOING GOD'S WORD

Matthew 7:26 ESV

“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.”

James 1:22-25 ESV

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of

liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”

We can be similar in appearance but totally different in foundation.

THE DOER HAS PREPARED FOR THE STORM

THE DOER HAS ENDURED THE STORM

James 1:2-4 ESV

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

We will all have similar testing- trials, disappointments/ rain, hurricanes

Sometimes storms come with warning and at other times they come suddenly without warning, but storms will come. The storms expose our foundation- it reveals the hidden things beneath the surface.

3. BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION OF GOD’S WORD

Matthew 7:27 ESV

“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.””

There is the rock, a righteousness found in Jesus Christ alone or you can build on sand, built on your own self-righteousness

Judas walked with Jesus and did all these things but in the end he was called a thief and at the end was excluded from being with Jesus. He was driven by money and not a love for Jesus.

The storm is not the test of the house; the foundation is. Houses are revealed by storms, but they are built long before the storms come.

Every home needs updates- After some time house foundations are exposed to many elements that gradually affect their performance. 20/30/50 years have marks of issues in the foundation. Regular inspections, proper drainage, and addressing small issues early can dramatically extend the life of a foundation.

In the same way, if we don't regularly inspect our foundations and the result of the wear and tear of life on our spirits- we can find our own belief systems shifting and cracking under the pressures of life.

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 14 ESV

“According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.”

Matthew 6:24 NIV

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”