

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. 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.** 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. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and **it fell with a great crash.**

**Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)**

## Two builders, two houses, one storm, two very different outcomes

<u>Description</u>	<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
Doer	Rock	The house stands
Hearer	Sand	The house collapses

## HOW DO WE BUILD OUR LIFE ON THE ROCK?

Do what Jesus said to do

## WHAT DID JESUS SAY TO DO?

Choose happiness (Matthew 5:3-12)

*Blessed* are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **Rejoice and be glad,** because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Matthew 5:11-12 (NIV)**

Prioritize relationships (Matthew 5:21-32)

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. **First go and be reconciled to them;** then come and offer your gift.

**Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)**

Make love your compass (Matthew 5:38-48, 6:1-4)

You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." **But I tell you, love your enemies** and pray for those who persecute you...

**Matthew 5:43-44 (NIV)**

Seek God (Matthew 6:5-34, 7:7-12)

So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,** and all these things will be given to you as well.

**Matthew 6:31-33 (NIV)**