



Sermon Notes: "The Solid Rock"

Matthew 7:24-29

5.25.25

Big Idea:

Jesus is telling us that in life, what matters isn't the ritual but the substance behind it.

Building on Bedrock:

- The foolish builder isn't lacking intelligence but lacking obedience.
- Knowledge becomes wisdom only when it shapes our actions.
- Rock reveals itself in the rain.
- The world offers many voices of influence; Jesus offers the voice of authority.

So What?

FOUNDATION INSPECTION:

1. WHICH WAY AM I MOVING?
2. WHAT WILL SURVIVE THE STORM?
3. WHOSE VOICE TRULY GUIDES ME?

The wise builder didn't just admire the concept of a rock foundation—he did the hard work of digging deep until he found it. "Will I?"

For Study, Reflection, Discussion:

1. Review the sermon notes from Sunday. Was there a particular point that stuck with you? *What* was it and *why* did it resonate with you?

Read Matthew 7:24-29

2. Jesus uses the image of storms (rain, floods, winds) beating against both houses. What do you think these storms represent in our lives?
3. The crowds were amazed at Jesus' authority (exousia). What does it mean that Jesus has both the right and power to command? How is this different from other authorities in your life?
4. How does this parable serve as a fitting conclusion to Jesus' entire Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)?
5. The sermon mentioned that building on sand often looks easier in the short term. Where are you tempted to take shortcuts in your spiritual life because the proper foundation seems too difficult or time-consuming?
6. Darin shared the story of making a decision about foster care based initially on a coin flip, then realizing God's Word provided clearer direction. Share a time when you had to dig deeper into God's Word to make a difficult decision.

Specific Action Step:

This week: Set aside 30 minutes this week for a personal "foundation inspection." Use the three questions from the sermon to evaluate your life. Write down your answers and share them with a trusted friend or accountability partner.

Don't Forget:

- Today Graduation Sunday -Graduation Boards are on display.
- In 2 Weeks! VBS June 9 – 13th, Register children on our website. To *help* with VBS, Call/Text Pastor Shaun (541-398-0632). He'll find an involvement level to match your availability! Join with others to, "Reach the Next Generation!"
- Father's Day June 15th

Prayer:

Father God, we thank You for the solid rock of Christ and His teachings. As we leave this discussion, help us move beyond just hearing to faithful doing. Give us the wisdom to recognize sand when we see it, and the courage to choose the harder path of digging deep to build on bedrock. For our graduates and for each of us facing transitions, may we stand firm through every storm because our lives are anchored in You.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.