**HOW TO SURVIVE THE STORM**

Build Your Life on the Rock – Part 9

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**Matthew 7:24-25 (NIV)**   
 "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.

**Matthew 7:24-29**

In all areas of life, success and stability depend on the foundation upon which the endeavor is built. Without a good foundation, you're in trouble. Today we'll look about the foundation upon which we build our lives, and what it takes to make sure yours is strong.

We will look at the parable that Jesus told: the wise man built his house upon the rock, the foolish man built his house upon the sand. When the rains came down and floods went up, the house on the rock stood still and the house on the sand went splat. What is the difference between the two? It wasn't the house. Apparently they pretty much built the same house.It wasn't the storm, either. It wasn't that one man went through a gentle spring shower and the other man met with a monsoon. They both experienced the same storm.

What, then, was the difference? The difference was the foundation upon which the men built. One built on rock. One built on sand.

**Three things to know:**

* **The Storms Of Life Are Inevitable**

**Matthew 5:45 (NIV)**   
... He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

**1 Peter 4:12 (NIV)**   
Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

* **The Storms Of Life Are Not All-Powerful**

**Matthew 7:24 (NIV)**   
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* **The Storms Of Life Are Not Permanent**

**Jeremiah 31:3-4 (NIV)**   
The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness. I will build you up again and you will be rebuilt

**Three things you can do to build a more solid foundation for your life**

1. **Surrender Your Life Everyday To The Lordship Of Jesus**

**Romans 12:1 (NIV)**   
Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

1. **Listen To His Word Everyday FOR His Word Everyday**

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

1. **Make Everything You Do An Act Of Worship And Service**

**1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)**   
So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

**Colossians 3:17 (NIV)**   
And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wisdom is understanding that there are no secular moments in your life and there are no meaningless moments in your life. There are no disposable days. They all matter, because everything we do all throughout the day is a sacred event. It's an act of worship and it's an act of service.