

Building Your House  
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**Matthew 7:13-29**

**We are all home builders.**

The first detail in each of Jesus' stories, is that each person builds a house. This detail does not vary between the two stories. To better understand this detail, you can replace the word house with the word "character" or "soul" or "life" because Jesus wants us to understand that we are all constructing an eternal life, an eternal soul.

The materials with which we build are our choices. I Corinthians 3:10-15

- Do you live your life with the conscious thought that your decisions affect your character and thus have eternal significance?
- What could you do to make yourself more aware of this?

**Every house faces a storm.**

The description of the storms that came to the house built on the rock and the house built on the sand are identical. Matthew 7:25 & 27 Jesus is making it clear that the goal is not to have a storm-free life, but rather to be prepared for storms.

- What storms have you faced or are you currently facing?
- Has your foundation enabled you to stand during the storm? Do you wish it were stronger?

**How do you build on the rock?**

Matthew 7:24 Anybody who builds their life on what I say, whoever hears these words of mine and puts them into practice, is like the wise man who builds his house on the rock.

- How aware of you, day to day, of this key to stability in life?
- To what extent to you apply what you know about Jesus' teaching?
- What can you do to keep this truth more in the forefront of your mind so that it will have more effect on your daily choices?