

Make or Break: Strong vs. Quick

Matthew 7:24-27

Transition Scripture

- **Matthew 7:24-27 - ²⁴“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. ²⁵The 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. ²⁶But 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. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat**

Points

- Never build until you know what will knock down what you build
- Storms are certain; preparation is optional
- “Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice...”
- Religion doesn't equal relationship with God.
- “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” – Matthew 5:3.
- Do what Jesus says.
- Hate - 1-----50-----100 – Love
- Doing what Jesus says prepares your character for the storm that will come.
- What destroys a friendship? Betrayal.
- Friendship is best when promises are kept.
- Proverbs 17:17 – A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for a time of adversity.
- What destroys family relationships? Me not we
- Criticism
- Contempt
- Defensiveness
- Stonewalling
- Families are best when “we” includes Jesus.
- “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” – Ephesians 5:21
- “What is the will of my Heavenly Father in this family?”
- What destroys your relationship with God? Indifference.
- Matthew 6:33 – Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well.
- “The Lord is my **ROCK.**”
- Whoever hears these words of mine and does them is like a man who builds his house on the rock
- Where are you building – Rock or Sand?

Group Discussion Questions

Starter: In your experience, what happens to people who always seek the easy way?

Go Deeper

- 1. Read Matthew 7:24-27**
- 2. Tell about someone you know who built their lives on the words of Jesus. What was their life like?**
- 3. Tell about someone you know who heard the words of Jesus but didn't do them? How did their lives turn out?**
- 4. What are the common storm you think everyone will face?**
- 5. If someone were to ask you "How do I build my life on the rock?" what would you tell them?**
- 6. Notice the connection between v. 27 and vv. 22-23. Why do you think Jesus highlight this danger?**