

## **BUILD ON THE RIGHT FOUNDATION – MATT. 7:24-27**

### **SERIES: MAKING IT THROUGH THE STORMS OF LIFE**

<sup>11</sup> For the Scriptures tell us that no one who believes in Christ will ever be disappointed. **Romans 10:11 (TLB)**

➤ *How can you experience a strong, fruitful life? What does it take?*

## **A LESSON FROM ARCHITECTURE:**

### **1. YOU NEED A \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>24</sup> "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

<sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." **Matthew 7:24-27 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. **Psalms 90:2 (NASB)**

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **John 3:16 (NKJV)**

### **Through His death on the Cross:**

a) Jesus eliminates that old defective foundation and paid the penalty for your sins.

b) Jesus makes you spiritually and eternally alive. He gives you a new nature, and therefore, a new foundation on which to establish your life.

### ➤ **THE EXAMPLE OF SAUL - PAUL**

<sup>3</sup> As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. <sup>4</sup> Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." **Acts 9:3-5 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 3:11 (NASB)**

<sup>11</sup> Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. **Acts 17:11 (NIV)**

## **2. YOU NEED THE RIGHT BUILDING \_\_\_\_\_ AND -**

<sup>12</sup> Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, <sup>13</sup> each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. <sup>14</sup> If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. **1 Corinthians 3:12-15 (NASB)**

<sup>24</sup> "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. **Matthew 7:24 (NASB)**

<sup>22</sup> Do not deceive yourselves by just listening to his word; instead, put it into practice. **James 1:22 (TEV)**

<sup>7</sup> These things that I once considered valuable, I now consider worthless for Christ. <sup>8</sup> It's far more than that! I consider everything else worthless because I'm much better off knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. It's because of him that I think of everything as worthless. I threw it all away in order to gain Christ

**Philippians 3:7-8 (GW)**

## **3. THE CHALLENGE TO \_\_\_\_\_ STRONG**

<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. **Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. **2 Corinthians 4:7 (NIV)**

<sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. **Ephesians 6:11 (NIV)**