

Trust in the Lord Forever

“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. But 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. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.’ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.” Matthew 7:24-29 NIV

<https://bible.com/bible/111/mat.7.24-28.NIV> [bible.com]

When we consider building a structure, we can often think of the foundation, building materials, getting a good contractor, and a timeline. Apart from these things, the structure itself will still stand even if there is no decorator or landscaper.

The “House” Jesus is teaching us about is your heart, which is the House for the Holy Spirit of God. Your foundation is more than just slab, crawl space, or basement. God Almighty is the Rock! “The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” Psalms 18:2 NIV

“Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.” Isaiah 26:4 NIV

“Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.” Psalms 31:3 NIV

“The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be my God, the Rock, my Savior!” 2 Samuel 22:47 NIV

“He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.”

Deuteronomy 32:4 NIV

“For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God?”

2 Samuel 22:32 NIV

Are we going to build our heart on the Truth of God the Rock, or are we going to build our lives on the hopeless false truth this world has to offer? The false truth tells us we aren’t good enough for God to forgive us, that God is made up by humans, the God can’t or won’t do miracles, or even that God is waiting for you to fail, that He doesn’t care about you, or that you don’t matter. All lies, yet some people build their lives on this misinformation.

The building materials we chose are the things we fill our lives with - people we confide in, books we read, shows we watch, and other things we allow in our lives. God building materials set a heart environment for the Peace of God out for the confusion and chaos of the house built on sand. It may seem like there's room for both, but the long-term reality is that you cannot serve 2 masters: one being yourself and the other being God.

Lastly, getting a good contractor depends on whose advice you accept. There are a lot of people who have their own interpretation of the Bible (ranging from "book of fairy tales" to "the inerrant Word of God"). Let God be the contractor on your house, on your heart, and lasting life-change will happen on His timeline.

If you're tired of fighting, tired of losing, or tired of being tired, give your heart to Jesus. Notice in today's verse that there is no scenario without trouble: The rains came (fighting), the waters rose (losing), the wind blew and beat against the house (day to day grind), but in one scenario, the house (which is your heart) yet it did not fall - it was not overwhelmed, it was not shaken, it was not moved, it did not yield to the trouble. "He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand." Psalms 40:2 NIV

Prayer:

Thank you Lord that You dwell in the heart of man, by the power of your Spirit. Help us submit to You to renovate our hearts -daily- so that we will not be shaken when the waters rise. Help us not lean on what we think we know, but to trust You more and more. As your Word says in Psalm 61:2, leads us to the Rock who is greater than I. I praise You that you are good and faithful, true to your word to finish in us what you start. Help us be patient, Lord, for You truly are worth waiting for.

Worship:

"Matthew 7:24-25 House on The Rock" by JumpStart 3 (friendly disclaimer, this is a song to help you remember the verse, and it's designed for elementary schoolers and it will get stuck in your head - speaking from experience!) <https://youtu.be/a8p56i3S2SM> [youtu.be]

“Same God” by Elevation Worship featuring Jonsal Barrientes <https://youtu.be/yse43TUrces>
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“Friend In Jesus” by CAIN <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CwWOWgmdcxY>

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