

### A TALE OF TWO HOMEBUILDERS

*Matthew 7:24-27* "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. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

### THE LIFE LESSONS

1. Just as the two men were each building a house, you too are building something very important--**A LIFE**.
2. Just like houses are built on foundations, so too **YOUR LIFE** has been built on a foundation.
3. Some life-foundations are **BETTER** to build on than others.

### Faulty Foundations

**PEOPLE-PLEASING** – *I just need people to like me.*  
**PROVING YOURSELF** – *I've got something to prove.*  
**PAPA'S SMILE** – *I must earn daddy's approval that I never got.*  
**PLEASURE ADDICTION** – *I just want to feel good.*  
**PAIN REDUCTION** – *I'm all about ordering my life to avoid getting hurt.*  
**PROTECTION** – *My life is built on the foundation of staying safe at all costs.*

4. The quality of a foundation is revealed by **STORMS**.
5. Great storms can't be totally avoided, but great **CRASHES** can.
6. The most solid foundation to build a life on that will withstand the fury of the coming storm is **JESUS** the Rock.

### HOW DO I BUILD MY LIFE ON A SOLID FOUNDATION?

#### A. GET ON THE RIGHT ROAD

*Matthew 7:13* Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. <sup>14</sup> But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

#### B. LISTEN TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE

*Matthew 7:15* Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. <sup>16</sup> By their fruit you will recognize them...

#### C. TRUST IN THE RIGHT SAVIOR

*Matthew 7:22* Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

