

Parables of Jesus
Build Your Life on the Rock

Matthew 7:24-27

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FB Live (10am)

For His Glory and our joy!

Outline

The houses we build

- Two types of builders
- House = your life
- What does the WRONG reading say?

Two foundations

- The Solid Rock
 - Hebrews 11:10
 - Isaiah 28:16
- Foundations of sand
 - Foundations of Performance
 - Foundations of Intellect
 - Foundations of Association

The role of the storm

- To reveal foundations
- You're either heading into a storm, in a storm, or leaving a storm
- Jonah -- story of a storm in the OT

Uncovering Good News

- Jesus in the storm
 - Compared to Jonah sleeping in the deck
- Jesus and your ultimate storm
- He is the stone that the builders rejected, the final/ongoing word from God.
- Learn to kiss the wave

Gospel Application

- Where are you building your life on a foundation of sand?
- Who is someone you can tell about the Rock of Ages

Scripture Passages (from the New International Version)

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Mark 12:10-11

- 10 Haven’t you read this passage of Scripture: “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; 11 the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?”

Isaiah 51:1

- Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock...

1 Corinthians 10:3-4

- They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them,

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Quotes

- “What is the foundation stone of which the prophet speaks? ...the thought is that God has implanted firmly and deeply in the earth a stone which cannot easily be moved, and upon which one may build a house with perfect safety. Of importance is the past tense, for the stone has already been laid in the ground; and inasmuch as there is laid a firm foundation, it is mere folly to place one’s confidence in a foundation not firmly laid.”
 - Edward J. Young, The Book of Isaiah: A Commentary , 286

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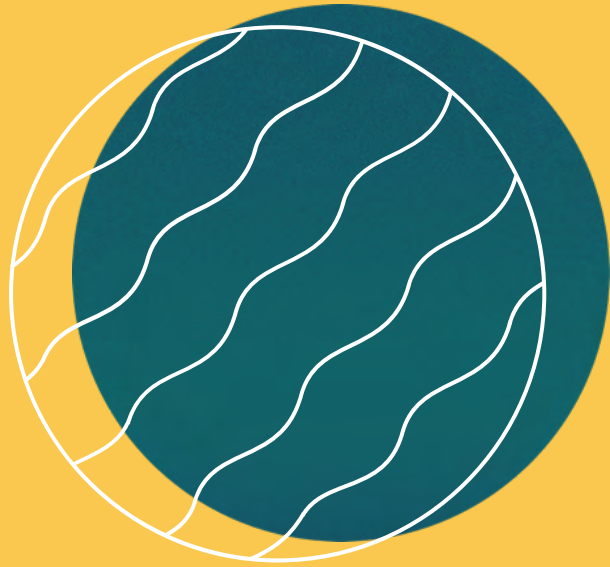


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2. Finding foundations
3. The role of the storm
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Context



Golden Rule



**“Do unto others as you would have
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Sinking Sand

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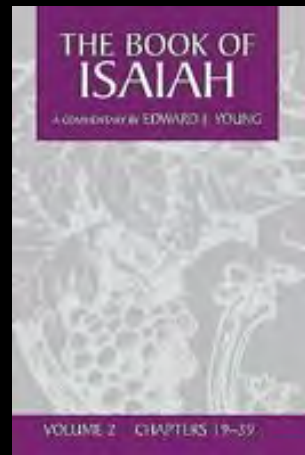
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A close-up, high-contrast photograph of Vin Diesel's face. The lighting is dramatic, with the right side of his face (viewer's left) in shadow. He has a serious, intense expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

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-Charles Spurgeon

Gospel Application

*Where are you building on
a foundation of sand?*

*Who is someone that might need
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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

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