

# BUILDING A LIFE THAT ENDURES

*It's Not What You Hear, But What You Do!*



**Matthew 7:21-29**



# CONTRASTS IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

*It's Not Just Hearing Jesus, But Doing What He Says!*

The way of rejection  
and rebellion.

The way of Trust and  
Submission

**Trusting Self**

**Hypocrisy**

**Material**

**Broad**

**Rebellion**

**Destruction**

Two Kinds of Righteousness,

Two Kinds of Service,

Two Kinds of Treasure,

Two Different Ways,

Our will – or - God's will?

Two Different Ends,

**Trusting God**

**Sincerity**

**Spiritual**

**Narrow**

**Submission**

**Salvation**



## Matthew 7:21–29 (NKJV)

21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’



# Matthew 7:21–29 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> “But everyone who hears these sayings 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 descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” <sup>28</sup> And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, <sup>29</sup> for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.



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## Contrasting The Two Builders

24 "Therefore whoever **hears** these sayings of Mine, and **does them**,

**IS LIKE**

a **wise** man who built his house on the rock:

26 "But everyone who **hears** these sayings of Mine, and **does not do them**,

**IS LIKE**

a **foolish** man who built his house on the sand:



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## Contrasting The Two Builders

**a wise man who  
built his house  
on the rock**



**a foolish man  
who built his  
house on the  
sand**



### **Similarities.**

Built the same thing  
Each built his own  
Both houses were tested  
by the same storm.



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## Contrasting The Two Builders

**a wise man who  
built his house  
on the rock**



Took time  
and effort  
to build on  
a solid  
foundation.  
Luke 6:48

**a foolish man  
who built his  
house on the  
sand**

Did NOT take  
time or effort  
to build on a  
solid  
foundation.  
Luke 6:49





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## Contrasting The Two Builders

**a wise man who  
built his house  
on the rock**

**a foolish man  
who built his  
house on the  
sand**

Chose the  
more difficult,  
expensive &  
long term  
course  
Luke 6:48

Chose the  
easiest,  
cheapest &  
quickest  
course  
Luke 6:49





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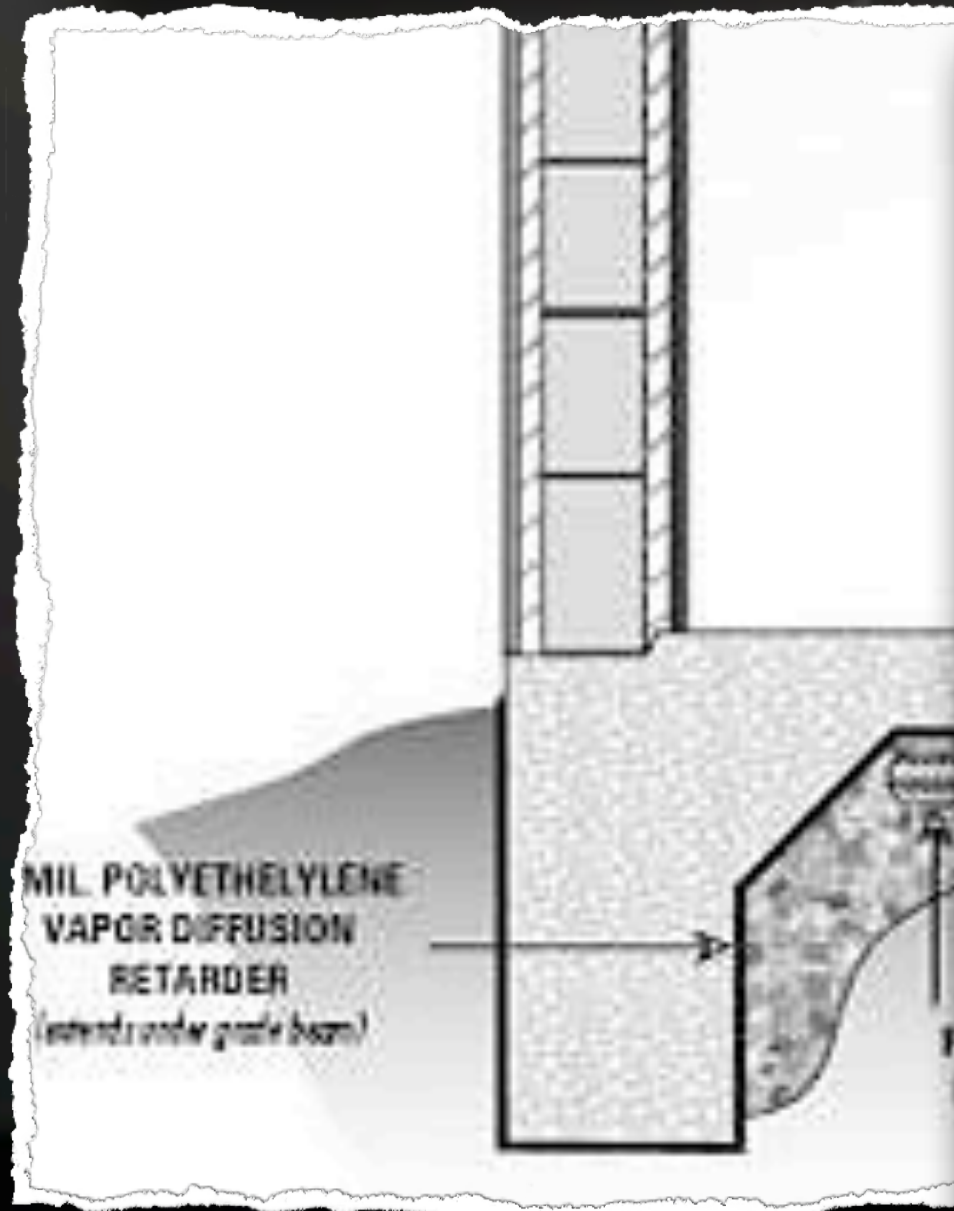
## Contrasting The Two Foundations

**a wise man who  
built his house  
on the rock**

**a foolish man  
who built his  
house on the  
sand**

**Substantial  
Would  
support his  
house long  
term**

**Unsubstantial  
Would not  
support his  
house long  
term**





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## Contrasting The Two Foundations

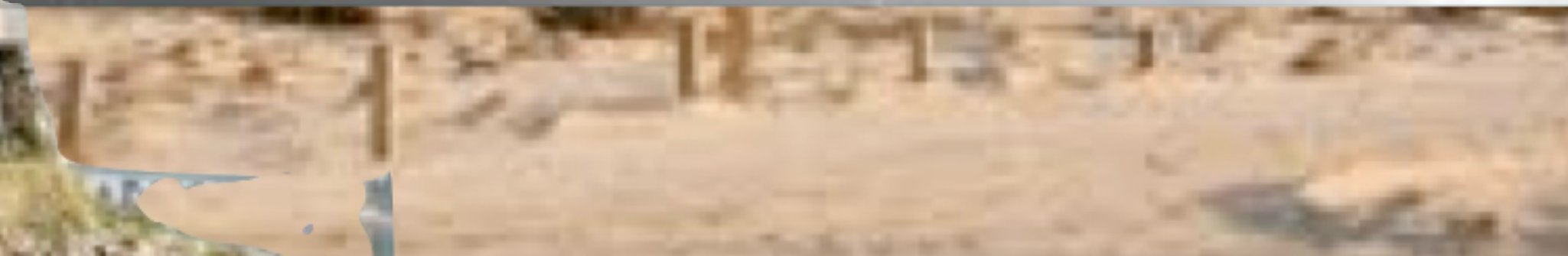
**a wise man who  
built his house  
on the rock**

**a foolish man  
who built his  
house on the  
sand**

Withstood the  
storm / Everything  
preserved

**Were the results  
predictable?**

Did NOT withstand  
the storm / Lost  
everything!

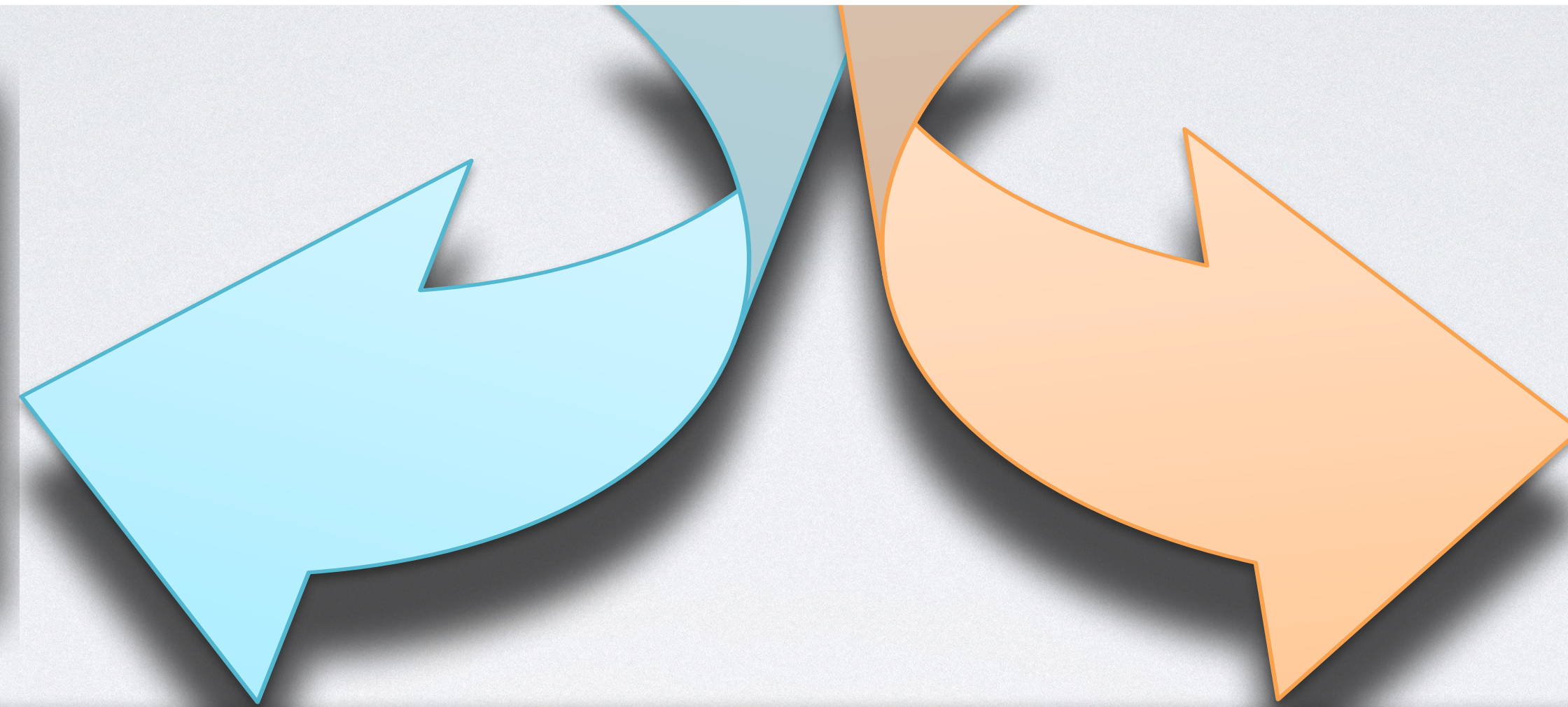




# **BUILDING A LIFE THAT ENDURES**

## **Making Application**

**a wise man who  
built his house  
on the rock**



**a foolish man  
who built his  
house on the  
sand**

**We can understand The importance of being wise  
and NOT foolish in material [temporal] things.**

**We desperately NEED to understand the  
importance of being wise and NOT foolish in  
spiritual [eternal] things.**



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## Making Application

The Wise Man

Is

**One Who Hears & Does**

The Foolish Man

Is

**One Who Hears & Does Not**

House / Foundation

Is

**One's Life / Basis of One's Life**

Rock / Sand

Is

**Christ's Words / Other Words**

The Storm

Is

**Trials of Life / Judgment**

The House Stood

Is

**Life Perseveres / Saved**

The House Fell

Is

**Life Destroyed / Lost**



# BUILDING A LIFE THAT ENDURES

## Making Application

**We Are All Building Our OWN “Lives!”**



- ▶ Character
- ▶ Values
- ▶ Relationships
- ▶ Habits
- ▶ Affections



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## Making Application

**We Are All Building Our OWN “Lives!”**

*How we define these things depend upon the standard or foundation upon which we have decided to build our life!*  
*Hebrews 11:25*

**Defining “A Quality Life” depends on what we value!**

- ▶ **“Success?”**
- ▶ **“Happiness, or joy?”**
- ▶ **“Peace of mind?”**
- ▶ **“Fulfillment?”**



# **BUILDING A LIFE THAT ENDURES**

## **Making Application**

### **We Are All Building Our OWN “Lives!”**

**1 Thessalonians 5:23  
(NKJV)**

**<sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

- ▶ **Real success (Ecc 12:13,14)**
- ▶ **Real Happiness (Lk 11:28)**
- ▶ **Real peace (Phili 4:7-9)**
- ▶ **Real fulfillment (1 Thes 5:23; 1 Peter 1:7; 5:4; 1 Jn 2:28)**



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## Making Application

**We Are All Building Our OWN “Lives!”**



- ▶ Obedience has never been the “BASIS” of salvation (Eph 2:8-10; Tit 3:3-5)
- ▶ The foundation is Christ Himself – which extends to His authority & His Words (Acts 4:12; 1 Cor 3:11)
- ▶ We benefit from and build upon that foundation ONLY if we obey His words! (Lk 6:46; Heb 5:8,9)



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## Making Application

**We Are All Building Our OWN “Lives!”**



The life built upon what the Lord says BY DOING what the Lord says; WILL stand!

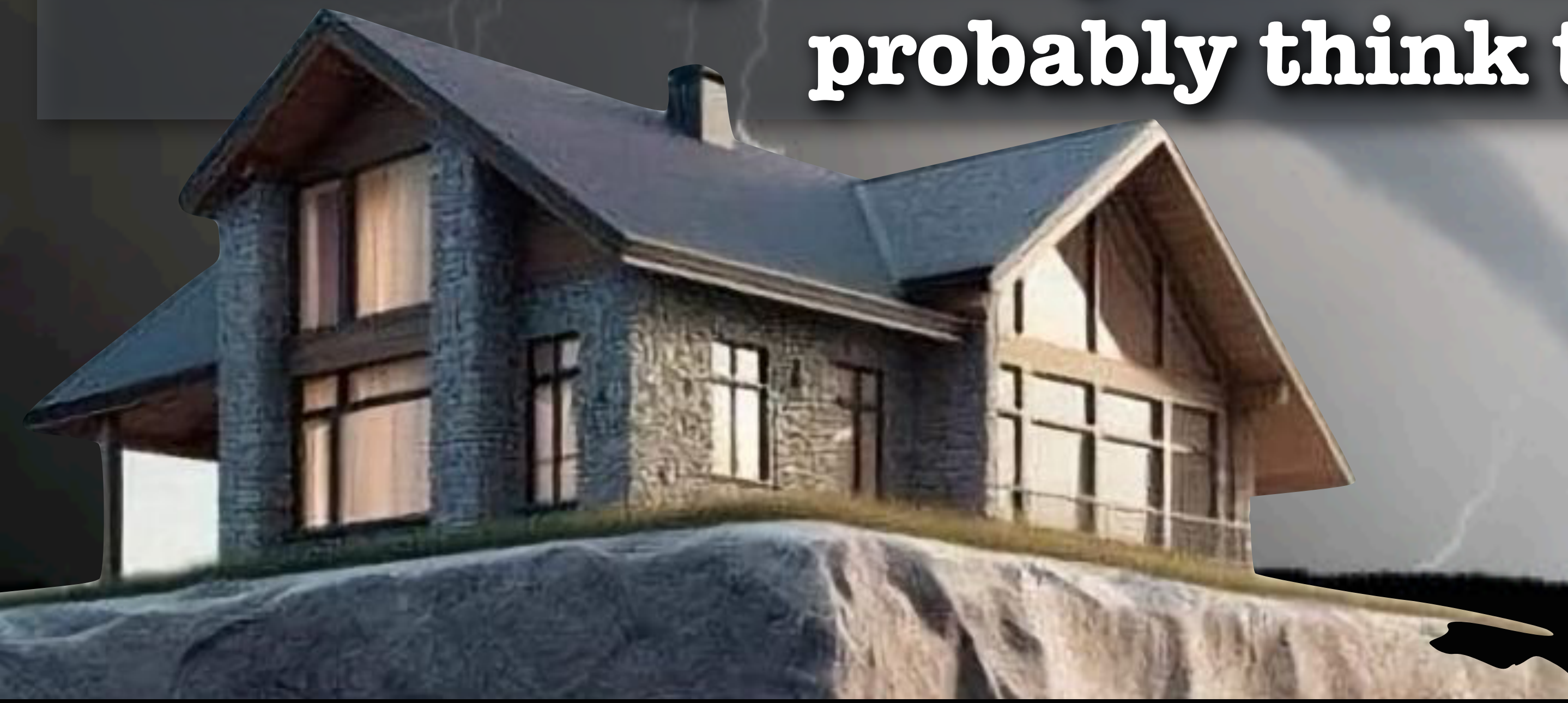
**The life built upon  
ANYTHING ELSE will fall.**



# **BUILDING A LIFE THAT ENDURES**

## **Building Before the Storm**

**Both will appear to have succeeded Before The Storm.  
In fact, the fool may seem even to have the better of it.  
Those living worldly lives will appear to be happy, &  
probably think they are.**





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## **Building Before the Storm**

**But what happens when the storm hits?  
Storms come in this life in a variety of  
forms, (loss, temptation, heartaches,  
illness, death of loved one, etc.)**





# **BUILDING A LIFE THAT ENDURES**

## **Building Before the Storm**

**There is one storm in particular  
that all will experience –**

**2 Corinthians 5:10-11 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. <sup>11</sup> Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; . . .



# **BUILDING A LIFE THAT ENDURES**

## **Building Before the Storm**

**There is one storm in particular  
that all will experience -**

**2 Corinthians 5:10-11 (NKJV)**

**The ONLY life that will withstand and endure  
in judgment will be the life built by obedience  
upon the word's of Christ!**

**(7:21-23; Rom 2:3-11)**



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## The Consequences of Choosing Your Foundation



- ▶ Jesus urges His hearers to consider soberly the consequences of the response they choose to give Him.
- ▶ Indifference and neutrality are not an option.
- ▶ We choose either to obey or not - we choose our destiny!



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*It's Not What You Hear, But What You Do!*

**Which Represents Us?**

**a foolish  
man who  
built his  
house on the  
sand: . . . thus  
it fell. And  
great was its  
fall**

**a wise man  
who built his  
house on the  
rock: . . Thus  
it withstood  
the storms.**



# **ARE YOU BUILDING A LIFE THAT WILL ENDURE THE JUDGMENT?**

**Luke 6:49 (NKJV)**

**<sup>49</sup> But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”**

**HEAR  
BELIEVE  
REPENT  
CONFESS  
BAPTIZED  
ABIDE**





**ARE YOU BUILDING A  
LIFE THAT WILL ENDURE?**







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