

Strong Foundation (Matthew 7:24-27)

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The key difference in the 2 houses is the foundation. The house on the rock pictures a life founded on Christ. When the wind rain and flood comes, it will withstand. But the house built on the sand will not withstand the wind rain and flood. The house will be washed away and destroyed.

1. Salvation: Faith Saves?

There are 2 kinds of faith:

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i) Faith on any other gods or prophets, or religious doctrines: No salvation- house built on sand.

ii) Faith in Christ: Salvation.

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Matthew 16:16 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:18 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Mark 8:35 35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.

2. Repentance Strengthen The Faith Foundation

Matthew 3:2 ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Matthew 4:17 ¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Luke 13:3 ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

Revelation 21:27 but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Proverbs 28:13 ¹³ He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

1 John 1:9 ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Matthew 6:14-15 ¹⁴ For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

3. Strong Marriage Foundation.

a) REVISIT/CHECK OUR PAST LIFE.

Romans 6:12-13 ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

Matthew 5:27-30 ²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Matthew 6:22 ²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light.

2 Corinthians 6:14-17 ¹⁴ Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? ¹⁵ What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." ¹⁷ "Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."

Proverbs 18:21 ²¹ The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

C) Results Or Impact Upon The Marriage.

4. The Way Forward

Questions For Discussion

1. Which foundation is our faith grounded? Is our house built on rock or sand?
2. Are you ready to revisit our past lives?
3. Are we taking any steps to strengthen the foundation of our marriage?