

"Solid Rock or Sinking Sand?"

Luke 6:46-49

Weather and storms can be devastating! What matters the most is your FOUNDATION! Why such a big deal? You build on the foundation to make it last!

Did you know that Jesus teaches that a life built on Him and His Word will lead to an indestructible life for you? Not only now but for Eternity as well!

• What is the key? That your life is <u>BUILT UPON THE ROCK!</u>

1. The Issue!

- How many know this to be true "It's always something!"
- Verse 46 Jesus is addressing the issue and problem here by calling it all out..."Why do you call Me Lord, Lord and NOT do what I say?"
- If you just have lip service and your heart is not following Jesus and His Word...<u>your</u> foundation is weak and you will crash!
- The people of Jesus' day "talked the talk but did not walk the walk!"
- He called them out on being HYPOCRITES! <u>Hypocrite</u> = Actor!
- The deception of this, is that they <u>LOOK like they are the part</u>, but <u>their heart is so far</u> from Jesus!
- Matthew 7:21-23 gives us the outcome of a life that is <u>lived fake!!!</u>
- Remember the last 4 weeks? Verses 27-45? Jesus went over what is means to be a true follower of Him...to DO what He says!
- Look at what He said: "Love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you! Be generous...even to your enemy! Look at your own heart and life before you hold someone else accountable! Be the right person and produce the right fruit...your words and life will prove it!" Go and do these and be this now!
- What is the WOW factor on this? That Jesus is watching every life and sees every thought, word and action!
- The issue is they claimed to be a Christian but did not DO what Jesus asked of them!
- Example of changed lives: Luke 8:1-3 Jesus saved, healed and delivered these women and what is their response?

 They supported Jesus and His ministry with THEIR LIVES and RESOURCES! A truly changed person will PROVE what they value Jesus for by what they GIVE!

2. The Reward! (A person that does obey Jesus and His Word)

- A life that will be <u>stable and indestructible!</u> Verses 47-49
- You have a choice of a stable life or an unstable life!
- The reward of truly following Jesus and putting His Word into practice <u>is an</u> indestructible life!
- Jesus in John 10:10 <u>made a PROMISE</u> to those who would not follow FALSE teachers, preachers and prophets...<u>but would follow Him!</u> <u>Abundant!!! Full!!!</u>
- You are not alone! You have HELP! Psalm 121:1-8 **Life on the Solid Rock!**

Question: "Do you want an unshakable life? When anxiety, fear, worry, stress, pressure, attacks, persecution come your way...do you want to stand strong and solid?"

- The <u>ONLY way</u> that this can happen is when you follow Jesus Christ and put His Word into practice!
- James 1:22 is the warning for just hearing and not doing! <u>The result is deception!</u>
- James 2:14-20 faith and action!

So...what is the "Sinking Sand?" It is the UNBELIEF in not obeying Jesus! Your life shows it!

FACT - Jesus is not a liar! He says in verse 48, that your life will be solid but ONLY when you build it upon Him! That's a PROMISE! Numbers 23:19 / Titus 1:2 / Hebrews 6:18

- <u>Building on Jesus</u>...The Solid Rock takes time, patience, endurance and staying in the lane! <u>Matthew 7:13-15</u> "only a FEW" (<u>What HWY are you on this morning?</u>)
- Verse 49 when you build your life on the sand...a false foundation...the only result is that "it will collapse into a heap of ruins."
- Example: Sand Castles

Closing: Put God's Word into Practice!

- Matthew 11:15 / Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13 and 3:22!
- Jesus addresses <u>each church</u> and tells them what they <u>MUST DO</u> to fix the issue!
- Listen up and DO as I say or else...
- The KEY you cannot build like Luke 6:47-49 unless you start with Luke 6:46!
- Verse 47 is such an amazing invitation!!!!
- Colossians 3:1-5 The invitation is to <u>leave the sinful life</u> and <u>have true life</u>!