The Wise & the Foolish Builders

July 27, 2025 | Luke 6:46-49 & Matthew 7:24-27



Observation: What is happening here?

Context – Jesus ends the Sermon with a call to **hear** and **do** His words (Matthew 5–7; Luke 6:20-49).

Parabolic Symbolism:

Rock = Christ as our Foundation

• Psalm 18:2, 46; Deuteronomy 32:4

House = Life / Discipleship / Works

• 1 Corinthians 3:10-11; Hebrews 3:6

Storms / **Flood** = Trials and the Final Judgement

• Ephesians 2:20; Psalm 118:22; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:6–7

Hear and Do = Faith and Works

• Deuteronomy 6:4-5; James 1:22-25; Luke 11:28

Matthew and Luke emphasize the importance of both hearing and doing.

Hear and Do = House is on the rock. The foundation remains.

Ontario Community Church: Encouraging, Equipping and Engaging lives for Christ. John 6:47 (ESV) "*Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life*"

Interpretation: What can we learn?

Our House (Life) Is Built upon the Rock (Christ)

- Belief in Christ is the foundation; our works build the house.
- The foundation withstands every season and storm. Fear Not!
- Scripture: Matthew 7:24-25; Luke 6:47-48; James 1:22-25; 1 John 2:3-6

A Firm Foundation Brings Wisdom and Security

- Digging deep (Luke 6:48) means seeking Christ first.
 - Seek God like hidden treasure or the pearl of great value!
- Christ's foundation brings transformation, security, and wisdom.
- Scripture: Psalm 1:1-3; Proverbs 4:26-27; 1 Timothy 4:7-8; Colossians 2:6-7

Storms Test and Foreshadow the Final Judgment

- Trials reveal what foundation you have: sand or stone.
- On the rock, we stand firm; it also prepares us for the final judgment.
- Scripture: 1 Peter 4:12-13; 1 Corinthians 3:13-15; Matthew 7:27; Hebrews 12:26-29

Application: How should we live?

Check the Foundation: Is It in Christ?

- Believe in the Lord first; growth and works are evidence of faith.
- The foundation is critical. Works do not save us.
- Scripture: John 13:17; Matthew 28:20; 2 Corinthians 13:5

From Foundations Comes Building

- A life without Christ cannot stand. Works may look good, but they do not save you. Knowing Christ moves us to action.
- Scripture: Joshua 1:8; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:24-25

Spread the Foundational Truth to Others

- Share your faith through words and action, live & love like Christ.
- We are all called to minister: Let us be salt and light!
- Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:2; Galatians 6:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:11