

Message

Foundational Truth

Passage

Matthew 7:24-29

24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **25** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. **26** But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. **27** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” **28** When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, **29** because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. (Matthew 7:24-29, NIV)

Storm Tracking (Hurricane Damage)

Hurricane Michael (2018)	\$. 25.5 billion in damage
Hurricane Irma (2017)	\$ 50.0 billion in damage
Hurricane Sandy (2012)	\$ 70.2 billion in damage
Hurricane Harvey (2017)	\$125.0 billion in damage
Hurricane Katrina (2005)	\$160.0 billion in damage

Truth: This Means “You” Matthew 7:24

Jesus’ message is for **everyone**

Jesus’ words are backed by His authority

Jesus’ brother’s viewpoint:

- “My brother knows what He’s talking about.” (James 1:22-25)

Truth: Same Storm, Different Result

Matthew 7:25-27

Fact of life: Storms happen

Storms reveal the strength of the foundation

• “Your foundation better be level and square” Don Desmond (aka “The man of few words”)

The Lord has history with “storms”

- Noah & the Ark (Genesis 6-9)
- Moses & the Exodus (Exodus 14)
- Gideon & the 300 (Judges 7)
- Elijah & the Altar (1 Kings 18-19)
- Paul & the Shipwreck (Acts 27-28)

When the storm happens, what's your foundation?

Truth: Build on The Foundation

Matthew 7:28-29

Jesus' teaching always gets a response

Jesus steps into the storm (Matthew 8; Matthew 14)

His teaching: Unwavering & Relentless

Move from being amazed to being equipped