

Building the Foundation

A couple of weeks ago, while watching the basketball playoffs, the announcer made a statement that I will not soon forget. He was talking about the struggles and success of one of the teams. They started the year strong, and were in first place. Near the end of the year, they began to struggle. They lost a few games that they should have won. There were reports of division in the locker room. There were even rumors that the coach was about to be fired.

It was while talking about these struggles that the announcer made this observation. He said, "You cannot fix the foundation in the middle of the storm." His meaning was clear. While the storm was around them, they could not take time to resolve all of the problems they faced. They had to ride out the storm, and then they could go back and fix the foundation. While that statement applied to the Indiana Pacers, it also applies to many other areas of life, including our own spiritual life.

It is no secret that life can, at times, be full of problems. There will be days, weeks, months, and even years where it seems that nothing goes our way. How is it that some people can remain faithful to God in the midst of these difficulties, while others fall away? Why do some have a sense of peace, while others are living in chaos? What is the difference? The answer can be found in the foundation of their faith.

At the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus talked about two individuals – one a wise man, the other a foolish man. Both of these men built a house. Both of these men faced a storm: "*The rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house*" (Mt. 7:25, 27). There was no difference in the way that they built their own house; and the storm was the same for both of them. But one house stood while the other fell. The only difference was in the foundation.

Of course, those words of Jesus were not about the construction of a physical house. Jesus was talking about the difference between one who is faithful to God and one who is not. Both individuals will face the same problems. Difficulties are a part of life. But the one who is founded in Christ and His word will succeed, while the one who is not will crumble under the pressure.

If we wait until the storm hits before we turn to God, we have waited too late. We will face the storm with the foundation that we have. In order for us to survive in this world and in the world to come, we must have a solid foundation in the word of God. We read, study, and meditate upon it daily. Then, when the storms of life are upon us, we will have the foundation we need to remain faithful to God.

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