

Week 4: THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE  
DAY 2: PROTECTION FROM THE STORMS

### **Luke 6:46-49 (ESV)**

**“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”**

The parable Jesus uses is a very clear illustration of the necessity of a strong foundation for a house to be sturdy, able to withstand a flood or storm. This illustration clearly shows that a verbal proclamation of faith that is not evidenced in the life of the confessor is nothing but a temporary structure that will fall at the first inkling of trouble. It is not real. We know that when we have faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ, we are sealed by the Holy Spirit. There is no storm, flood, or trouble that can budge Almighty God, and therefore His children are safe.

The true believer not only confesses with their mouth but believes in their heart that Jesus is Lord. That deep-rooted faith is put into action as Lord Jesus sets the course of life for the believer. That foundation holds no matter what storm life throws at it. The fruit in our life is not based on works that we do to look like a Christian. It is the outflowing of the will of God for the believer: strong, sturdy, and unwavering.

### **FAMILY TABLE TALK QUESTIONS**

1. What type of fruit exists in our lives that reveals the integrity of our foundation of faith?
2. What types of events have we faced that tested our faith in Jesus?

### **PRAYER FOCUS**

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspect the foundation of your faith.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal bad fruit in your life and lead you to repentance.
- Pray that God will encourage you in His unmovable power and protection.

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