







A sandcastle in Boracay, Philippines





# Build a life on strong foundations.



#### **Matthew 7:24-27** ESV

<sup>24</sup> "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."





Important elements in this parable:

- Two Characters: The Wise Man and the Foolish Man
- Storms of Life: Rains, Floods, and Winds
- Consequence of a Poor Foundation: Great was the Fall (Matthew 7:27)





### What are these storms? Rains, Floods, and Winds



Flooding in the Judean Desert on 19 January, 2018







### Global Village, Dubai



## **Deep consequences of bad foundations**

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The Xinjia Express Hotel in Quanzhou, China collapsed on 7 March, 2020



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#### The Leaning Tower of Pisa





## **Build a rock foundation**

#### Matthew 7:24 ESV

Everyone then who **hears** these **words of mine** and **does** them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.



## **Joshua 1:8** ESV

<sup>8</sup> This **Book of the Law** shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall **meditate** on it **day and night**, so that you may be **careful to do** according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.





## We want a life with Jesus Christ as the bedrock foundation.



## **Prayer of Salvation**

Dear Lord, I confess that I have sinned and I thank You, Lord, that You died on the cross for my sins. I repent of my sins and I pray for Your forgiveness and receive You as my Lord and Saviour. I thank you for the eternal life that I now have. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.





## **DO SOMETHING**

## **Application Question:**

Reflect on one thing that you are struggling with to obey God.

Go to this link now **bit.ly/GatewayPrayer** and fill in your name and contact.

I will call you and pray with you.





