

TWO ROADS, ONE WAY: PART 4 TWO BUILDERS

MATTHEW 7:24-29

The Bible recognizes no faith that does not lead to obedience, nor does it recognize any obedience that does not spring from faith. The two are at opposite sides of the same coin.

-A.W. Tozer

I. The Wise Builder

II. The Foolish Builder

III. The Master Teacher

Small Group Application Questions

Getting to Know You

1. What is the strongest storm you have ever experienced in person?

Into the Bible

2. In Isaiah 28:16 the prophecy looks forward to the foundation our faith would be built upon. Read I Corinthians 3:11-16 and I Peter 2:7-9 to see Christ's role in fulfilling that prophecy. In what sense though is Christ a "stone of stumbling"? (I Corinthians 1:20-26)

Application

3. In the picture Christ paints for us of the two houses in this passage in Matthew 7, the common element for both is the storms that come. The difference lies in the effects of the storm. We are not promised a life in Christ without difficulties but Proverbs 10:25 gives us God's promise regarding the storms in our lives. What does James 1:2-4 tell us our response to these storms should be?

4. The authority with which Christ addressed the crowds that heard him left them amazed. What does Hebrews 1:1-3 indicate is the basis for that authority? How should that shape our response to his teachings?

For Families

5. Talk with your children about how we should face the tough times in our lives.