BUILT TO LAST Matthew 7:24–27

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1. What's the most intense storm of nature you've ever experienced?

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- 2. Read Matthew 7:24–27. How have you typically heard this parable taught or used?
- 3. How would you summarize what Jesus is saying? Pay close attention to verses 24 & 26. Be mindful of the context of the Sermon on the Mount.
- 4. Jesus highlights that His words are what we build our lives on. To what extent are you hearing Jesus' words on a regular basis? Think about how you respond to them. Do you live as if Jesus' words are authoritative or just suggestions? What specific things do you selectively opt-out of or avoid?
- 5. Take a look at James 1:22–25 which echoes this passage. How do you balance being saved by grace through faith with the obedience that Jesus and James call for? How should those things work together?
- 6. What has stood out to you from our Sermon on the Mount series? What have you learned about the kingdom?

CONTRIBUTE

7. Glance back at the various commands and kingdom values we've heard from Jesus in Matthew 5, 6 & 7. Have you been a doer of what you have heard? Be honest. What changes have you made? Is there anything you intended to do but have not done yet? What would a first step of obedience look like?