

*"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete." Luke 6:46-49 (NIV)*

## **Storms**

**Storms will come in life. You can be certain of that. That should come as no surprise to you.** It doesn't. **There is one very important question about the storms of life that I want to ask you.** What question is that? **Will your life be able to withstand the storms of life that are certain to come your way?** How could I possibly know the answer to that question? I have no idea of what type of storms will come my way. How could I possibly know if I will be able to withstand the unknown storms of life? **That may sound like a good answer to you, but it is not.** Why is that? **Everyone has a foundation on which they will build their life. You and every one else in the world must choose what will be the foundation of their life. What are some of the foundations on which people will build their lives?** I think I can answer that question. **Go ahead, I'm listening.** Some people will build the foundation of their life on money. The foundation of their life will rest on all that they have been able to acquire. Others will build the foundation of their life on power. The foundation of their life will rest on who answers to them. Still others will build the foundation of their life on position. The foundation of their life will rest on the status that they have attained in life. **Do any of these seem like a strong and sure foundation for your life? Do you want to build the foundation of your life on money, power or position? Is any one or all three of these worthy of being the foundation on which you will build your life?** These are not strong and sure foundations. Any one or all three of these could be swept away in an instant by the storms of life. **Yes, they could. Yes, they will.** None of these are worthy of being the foundation of my life. **No, they are not.**

**Do you know the foundation on which you want to build your life?** Yes, I do. **Tell me about the foundation on which you want to build your life.** I want the foundation of my life to be built on hearing and putting your word into practice. I will come to meet with you in your word. I will listen attentively to all that you have to say to me. I will do all that you ask of me. You will be the foundation of my life. **Yes, I will.** You will help me to stand strong and secure in any storm of life. **Yes, I will.** You are my strong and secure foundation. **Yes, I am.**

*Lord, I will dig down deep and allow your word to become the strong and sure foundation of my life. I will listen attentively to all that you have to say to me in your word. I will gladly do all that you ask of me as I put your word into practice every day in my life. Amen*

## Rhythms

### *Foundation - Building*

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

NIV

Luke 6:46-49

## Rhythms

### *Foundation - Building*

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do 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."

ESV

Luke 6:46-49

## Rhythms

### *Foundation - Building*

"So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say? I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against the house, it stands firm because it is well built. But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins."

NLT

Luke 6:46-49

## Rhythms

### *Foundation - Building*

"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

NKJV

Luke 6:46-49

## Rhythms

### *Foundation - Building*

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house."

NRSV

Luke 6:46-49

## Rhythms

### *Foundation - Building*

"Why are you so polite with me, always saying 'Yes, sir,' and 'That's right, sir,' but never doing a thing I tell you? These words I speak to you are not mere additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundation words, words to build a life on. "If you work the words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who dug deep and laid the foundation of his house on bedrock. When the river burst its banks and crashed against the house, nothing could shake it; it was built to last. But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a dumb carpenter who built a house but skipped the foundation. When the swollen river came crashing in, it collapsed like a house of cards. It was a total loss."

MSG

Luke 6:46-49

## Rhythms

### *Foundation - Building*

Why do you call Me, Lord, Lord, and do not [practice] what I tell you? For everyone who comes to Me and listens to My words [in order to heed their teaching] and does them, I will show you what he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug and went down deep and laid a foundation upon the rock; and when a flood arose, the torrent broke against that house and could not shake or move it, because it had been securely built or founded on a rock. But he who merely hears and does not practice doing My words is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation, against which the torrent burst, and immediately it collapsed and fell, and the breaking and ruin of that house was great.

AMP

Luke 6:46-49

## Rhythms

### *Foundation - Building*

"So why do you call me 'Lord' when you won't obey me? But all those who come and listen and obey me are like a man who builds a house on a strong foundation laid upon the underlying rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against the house, it stands firm, for it is strongly built. "But those who listen and don't obey are like a man who builds a house without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it crumbles into a heap of ruins."

TLB

Luke 6:46-49

## Rhythms

### *Foundation - Building*

"Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? "Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. "But the one who has heard and has not acted accordingly, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."

NASB

Luke 6:46-49

## Rhythms

### *Foundation - Building*

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but do not do what I say? I will show you what everyone is like who comes to me and hears my words and obeys. That person is like a man building a house who dug deep and laid the foundation on rock. When the floods came, the water tried to wash the house away, but it could not shake it, because the house was built well. But the one who hears my words and does not obey is like a man who built his house on the ground without a foundation. When the floods came, the house quickly fell and was completely destroyed."

NCV

Luke 6:46-49

# Foundation – Building

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Rhythms – Luke 6:46-49

In Context: Read Luke 6

Begin With Prayer:

**Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.**

**Meditating On God’s Word:** *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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**Considering The Words:** *(What words speak to your heart?)*

"Why | do you | call me, | 'Lord, | Lord,' | and | do not | do what | I say? | I will | show you | what | he | is like | who | comes to me | and | hears | my words | and | puts them | into practice. | He is | like a | man | building | a house, | who | dug down deep | and | laid | the foundation | on rock. | When | a flood came, | the torrent | struck | that house | but | could not | shake it, | because | it was | well built. | But | the one | who hears | my words | and | does not | put them | into practice | is like | a man | who built | a house | on the ground | without | a foundation. | The moment | the torrent | struck | that house, | it collapsed | and | its destruction | was | complete." Luke 6:46-49

**Praying The Scripture:** *(What prayer from your heart will you write?)*

Lord, I will dig down deep and allow your word to become the strong and sure foundation of my life. I will listen attentively to all that you have to say to me in your word. I will gladly do all that you ask of me as I put your word into practice every day in my life. Amen

**What It Means:** *(What questions speak to your heart?)* (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

What must you do if you want to be able to call Jesus Christ your Lord?

**How are you making God’s word the strong and sure foundation of your life?**

Why would it be impossible for God’s word to be the foundation of your life if you do not know His word?

Why would it be impossible for God’s word to be the foundation of your life if you are not putting it into practice?

**When are you meeting with God in His word so you can hear and put it into practice?**

What will happen to you in the storms of life if God’s word is not your strong and sure foundation?

**How has the strong and sure foundation of God’s word helped you to withstand storms in life?**

**Living It Out:** *(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)*

Make it the practice and rhythm of your life to hear and put God’s word into practice.

**Seeing It Happen:** *(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)*

Have faith that you will be building a strong and sure foundation for your life as you put God’s word into practice.

**Get Ready To Share:** *(What can you share with others from your heart?)*

Share with another person or your small group how you are hearing and putting God’s word into daily practice.

**Close With Prayer:**

**Quiet Yourself Before The Lord**

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you build a strong and sure foundation for your life by putting God's word into practice.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will put your word into practice so I can build a sure and strong foundation for my life.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I put your word into practice today so I can build a sure and strong foundation for my life?*

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