

SUNDAY MESSAGE NOTES AND INTERACTIVE PDF

A Firm Foundation

Jesus Christ is the only foundation strong enough to carry our lives through storms as we hear His Word and put it into practice.

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Sunday, February 8, 2026	Matthew 7:24-27 ; 1 Corinthians 3:9-15

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Build on Jesus Christ, the only foundation.

- Jesus is the Rock beneath salvation, freedom, identity, and every part of the believer's life. ([1 Corinthians 3:11](#))
- Christ is the chosen and precious cornerstone; those who trust in Him will not be put to shame. ([1 Peter 2:4-8](#))

"There's no other foundation to be built on but Christ."

STUDY [1 Corinthians 3:11](#); [1 Peter 2:4-8](#)

02 Join hearing with obedience.

- The wise builder hears Jesus' words and does them; the foolish builder hears the same words but does not obey. ([Matthew 7:24-27](#))
- A revelation becomes structural strength when it changes choices, habits, priorities, and conduct. ([James 1:22-25](#))

"If you hear these words of Mine and do them."

STUDY [Matthew 7:24-27](#); [James 1:22-25](#)

03 Dig deep before the storm arrives.

- Luke's account pictures the wise builder digging deeply until the foundation rests upon rock. ([Luke 6:47-49](#))
- Prayer, Scripture, church fellowship, surrender, and repeated obedience establish strength below the visible surface. ([Colossians 2:6-7](#))

"Our life is to be built on a solid and firm foundation."

STUDY [Luke 6:47-49](#); [Colossians 2:6-7](#)

04 Let trials inspect the foundation.

- Rain, floods, and wind come against both houses; the difference is what each life has been built upon. ([Matthew 7:24-27](#))
- Hardship does not have to move a believer away from Christ; Paul and Silas worshiped faithfully while wounded and imprisoned. ([Acts 16:22-34](#))

"Can you stand the storm?"

STUDY [Matthew 7:24-27](#); [Acts 16:22-34](#)

05 Build carefully with what will endure.

- Every believer and ministry builds upon Christ, and each person's work will be tested for lasting substance. ([1 Corinthians 3:9-15](#))
- Believers are living stones being formed together into a spiritual house. ([1 Peter 2:4-5](#))
- Truth, character, faithful ministry, and spiritual maturity are materials that endure the fire. ([1 Corinthians 3:12-15](#))

"You are God's field. You are God's building."

STUDY [1 Corinthians 3:9-15](#); [1 Peter 2:4-5](#)

06 Trust God's Word as you put it into practice.

- Faith can begin with obedience even when we do not yet understand everything God has said. ([James 1:22-25](#))
- Understanding grows as we hear Jesus' words and do them; agreement alone cannot support a house when trials come. ([Matthew 7:24-27](#))

"As you begin to do it, understanding comes."

STUDY [James 1:22-25](#); [Matthew 7:24-27](#)

07 Become a strong house that serves God's mission.

- A church founded on Christ becomes a house of prayer, worship, truth, holiness, restoration, strong families, and sincere love. ([1 Timothy 3:15](#))

- A stable foundation makes room for outreach, missions, discipleship, and faithful obedience to Jesus' commission. ([Matthew 28:19-20](#))

“This house is a house that remains strong.”

STUDY [1 Timothy 3:15](#); [Matthew 28:19-20](#)

08 Bring a surrendered heart to the Lord.

- Drawing near to God means laying down our own way and seeking Him with the whole heart. ([Romans 12:1](#))
- The invitation to the altar is an opportunity to surrender our lives and let God do His work in us. ([Romans 12:1](#))

“What it means to press in is to surrender all.”

STUDY [Romans 12:1](#)

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How will you put the Word into practice?

Where are you hearing Jesus' words without yet putting them into practice?

Which unseen habit or discipline would help you dig deeper before the next storm?

What recent pressure has revealed a weak or strong place in your foundation?

What lasting material—truth, character, service, or obedience—will you build with this week?
