

I. Life built upon the solid foundation

\*Pictures of foundations....

A. It is built by...

1. Believing in Jesus Christ
2. Listening to his word

“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.” (John 6:63)

3. Obeying his word

“You are my friends if you do what I command.” (John 15:4)

“Jesus replied, ‘If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching.’” (John 14:23)

B. It is built on...

1. The person of Jesus Christ

“For no one can lay a foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.” (I Corinthians 3:11)

2. The words of Jesus Christ

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.” (Matthew 24:35)

C. When the storms come

\*Picture of flash flood in Israel

1. It will stand strong

\*Pictures of house after hurricane.....

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.” (2 Corinthians 4:8)

II. Life built upon the shaky foundation

A. It is built by...

1. Hearing the words of Jesus
2. Disobeying the words of Jesus

“My people come to you, as they usually do, and sit before you to listen to your words, but they do not put them into practice.” (Ezekiel 33:31)

B. It is built on...

1. A focus on temporary things

“Now listen, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.’ Why do you not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.” (James 4:13-14)

2. A false security in our wealth

“What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26)

3. An attitude of self-sufficiency

C. When the storms come

1. It will collapse immediately

\*picture of house after tornado

2. It will be destroyed completely

“Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, I never knew you, away from me.” (Matthew 7:22)