

Title: Built Tough

Text: Matthew 7:24-29

Target: Your foundation determines your future

Background:

- I. **Same Word-Different Response:** *"Everyone (then) who hears these words of mine..."*
(Vs. 24, 26)
 - A. **Wise Applies:** *"does them"* (Vs. 24)
 - B. **Foolish Ignores:** *"does not do them"* (Vs. 26)
- II. **Same House-Different Foundation:** *"Who built his house..."* (Vs. 24, 26)
 - A. **Solid Foundation:** *"rock"*
 - B. **Shaky Foundation:** *"sand"*
- III. **Same Storm-Different Outcome:** *"And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house..."* (Vs. 25, 27)
 - A. **Reality of the Storm:** Rain, Floods, Winds
 - B. **Results of the Storm:** *"Beat ON that house"* (Vs. 25) *"Beat AGAINST that house"* (Vs. 27)
 - C. **Revelation from the Storm:**
 1. **Stands Strong:** *"but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock."* (Vs. 25)
 2. **Suddenly Gone:** *"and it fell, and great was the fall of it."* (Vs. 27)
- IV. **Same Sermon-ONE Decision:** *"And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were **astonished** at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had **authority**, and not as their scribes."* (Vs. 28-29)

Takeaway: Dig Deep, Stand Strong