

Build with Jesus

Have you ever sung the childhood song where two men each build a house? The wise man builds on a foundation of rock.

The foolish man builds on a foundation of sand.

The song tells that when the rains came down the house built on rock stood but the house built on sand was washed away. This song is based on a parable that Jesus taught. He added that if anyone hears his words and puts them into practice, they are like the wise man, building on a foundation that the storms of life will not sweep away.

You are here because you are in a storm. Jesus gives us his promise that if we build properly by listening and doing what he has taught, no matter how the storm rages, we will stand.

Jesus calls you to him saying, "Come to me all who are weary and I will give you rest." You know how exhausted you are with the constant fighting and worry this season has brought.

Jesus is the son of God. Sent to earth because we all sin and fall short. Consider how much hurt and pain is in your life right now. We can really hurt each other as humans. Perhaps you feel that you are not to blame and that may be true, to a point, but you are not sinless. The word tells us that if we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But there is good news! The word also says that if we confess our sins, Jesus is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We know that we would love to see those causing us grief brought to justice. But in the same way, if we have sin in our lives, it is only fair that we too should expect to be brought to justice by God.

And that is why Jesus came to earth. He came to die on the cross, even though he was sinless. He chose to take our sin upon himself and die for us. He took our punishment for us.

That is something to thank him for and we can now ask him to forgive us for our sin and invite him into our daily lives. How many times have you made mistakes and just wished the offended person would just forgive you? You knew you had messed up but they were unwilling to forgive?

When Jesus died on the cross he made a way for us to enter into the presence of God and never have to feel like a worm squirming for forgiveness. Once you accept this sacrifice, you are forgiven and God sees you with the righteousness of his son Jesus.

Once you choose to accept that Jesus died in your place and start living for him, the Bible admonishes us to not throw away our confidence in trusting Jesus; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For in just a little while, "He who is coming will come and not delay. But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him."

Each one of us should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to someone else, for each should carry his own load...do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Be the wise builder and build on a solid foundation. Hear the words of Jesus and start putting them into practice.

