

Psalms 18:1-3 (NKJV) . . . I will love You, O LORD, my strength. ²The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. ³I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

You can withstand the storms of life when Christ is your foundation.

Matthew 7:24-27 (NKJV) ²⁴ "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

You can hear the Word of God . . . and do nothing about it.

Jesus does not say "he who hears and understands," or "he who hears and admires," not even "he who hears and believes," but rather "he who hears and does."

If you build your life on any other foundation than Jesus, you will be building on the "Marshy Land of Pisa."

James 1:19-22 (NIV) ¹⁹ My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. ²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. ²² **Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.**

Excuses prop up something other than the truth. The truth does not need propping up. The truth stands alone.

Isaiah 28:16 (NKJV) Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.

1 Peter 2:4-6 (NIV) ⁴As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him-- ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

Every single area of your life needs to be built on the rock of Christ. In so doing, you will never be afraid, never be shaken, and you will never be ashamed.

Matthew 16:15-18 (NKJV) ¹⁵ He said to them, "**But who do you say that I am?**" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "**Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.** ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Luke 6:18-19 (NLT) ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those troubled by evil spirits were healed. ¹⁹ Everyone tried to touch him, because healing power went out from him, and he healed everyone.