

WILL YOUR ROCK STAND?

During this hot summer, the dry weather and excessive heat we have experienced, I have found that many people are worried about their foundations. The foundation is the base you build on. This is why it is so important to build on a firm foundation. Anything that can be shaken will be shaken. This is also true in our spiritual life.

When the storms come and they will, are you rooted in a solid foundation? If you are not rooted before the crisis, before the temptation, before the enemy comes, you will not be able to stand. So just exactly what is a solid foundation for a Christian??? It is the word of God. The Word is what cleanses and washes you. It makes you whole and turns you around. Our foundation is built on nothing less than Jesus Christ which is the Word of God. That truth is given to us in JOHN 1:1, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Things will come and go, things will pass away, but we know His Word will not pass away. In Matthew 24:25, it tells us "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Word shall not pass away." This is why your foundation has to be built on the Word.

I have found that many people try to build their foundation on things other than His Word. The first thing people try to build their foundation on is feeling. This means that one day you feel this way, the next day you feel that way. One day you feel really good, the next day you feel really bad. This means you are up one day and down the next. You cannot build your foundation on anything that is not constant.

Then there are the ones who build their foundation on other people. You can not build your foundation on something someone has said. People have different kinds of styles. Everyone has an opinion. If you do not have anything else in this world, you do have an opinion. You cannot build your life on the opinion on everyone else. You have to build your life on the Word of God.

In Matthew 7:24-27, we find these words "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

The Word is our stable foundation and that is what we have to build upon when the storms come. We also find in the scripture that we all go through the same storms that our neighbors go through. Many times we feel like it only rains on us. When you start to feel that way, you find yourself focusing on the storm. So often this is when you start to forget what is important.

It isn't the storm that is important, it's the rock you have built your foundation upon. Will your rock stand???? If it is the rock of Jesus Christ, it will always stand!!!! If you have not built upon that rock, your fall will be great. Not just a stumble, not just a stumped toe, but a great

fall. The storm is coming. Here at Ryanwood, we are very confident, that we have built our foundation on Jesus Christ and His Word. The Word gives us Faith, Hope and Love that we will be victorious over any storms that come our way. If you are not ready for the storm, please feel free to contact me for you don't have to fall.

God Bless You,
Brother Jimmy