



Notes for Adult discussion groups at  
On-Line@9 Worship Service  
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## Rock Solid

### Matthew 7 v 24-29

**24** “So then, anyone who hears these words of mine and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock. **25** The rain poured down, the rivers overflowed, and the wind blew hard against that house. But it did not fall, because it was built on rock. **26** But anyone who hears these words of mine and does not obey them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. **27** The rain poured down, the rivers overflowed, the wind blew hard against that house, and it fell. And what a terrible fall that was!”

**28** When Jesus finished saying these things, the crowd was amazed at the way he taught. **29** He wasn't like the teachers of the Law; instead, he taught with authority.

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### 1 Houses

Jesus talks about houses being built on different foundations. The appearance of houses can be very different above ground. What do the houses represent?

### 2 Foundations

What foundations can we see lives being built on today? Do these seem secure, or can they be washed away, like the sand under the foolish man's house? What foundations have we built our lives on? What do we need to do to build our lives on the rock?

### 3 Storms

We have seen pictures of the tsunami from 2004 and more recently of the Burmese cyclone. What storms may we face in our lives? Are there any lives that look secure, but may be in danger of collapsing in a storm?

### 4 Rock Solid

This story comes at the end of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew, chapters 5-7). Look again at verse 24 to see the context in which Jesus uses the story.

The point is that, if the foundations are solid, the house will be secure. How do we use our foundation to help us to face life's challenges? What words of Jesus help us to weather the storm?

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