

Building on Your Faith
Part 7 - Revelations from the Storms of 2020
December 27, 2020

Sermon Passage:

24 “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. 25 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. 26 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. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. Matthew 7:24-29

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? 47 As for everyone **who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice**, I will show you what they are like. 48 They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. 49 But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.” Luke 6:46-49

WHAT DID THE STORMS OF 2020 REVEAL ABOUT ME?

#1 Revealed my need to continuously draw close to the lord.

“As for everyone who comes to me...” Luke 6:47

Come near to God and he will come near to you. James 4:8

You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life. John 5:39-40

#2 Revealed I am not perfect-at times-my worldview influenced me.

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The key is a maturing faith:

It is a process....

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Philippians 3:12

Evidenced by...

A.) Our obedience to God's will.

He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. Colossians 4:12

B.) Our christ-like love.

This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 1 John 4:17-18

c.) Our desire to be holy.

Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God. 2 Corinthians 7:1

The Word Embodied

A call to prioritize relationships

10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God’s judgment seat. 11 It is written:

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. 13 Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. Romans 14:10-13

2020 ASSESSMENT

REVELATIONS OF 2020 STORMS

	Influenced by the Creator (Emotionally withstood the storm)	Influenced by the created (Emotionally crashed)
COVID-19		
Systemic Racism		
Election 2020		
Economic Crisis		