

## SOTM pt 13 – Built To Win

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[Mat 7:24-29 NASB95] 24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and [yet] it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. 26 "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 "The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell and great was its fall." 28 When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; 29 for He was teaching them as [one] having authority, and not as their scribes.

- God does not want you to fail. But you will if you do not go all into serving Jesus.
- Here, Jesus concludes this inaugural sermon on the Kingdom of God and living in the New Covenant with a parable.
- Similarities: Two builders. Two houses. Same storm. Both heard the words of Jesus.
- Difference: One house stood. One house had a great fall. One did the words of Jesus. The other one heard only but did not do them.
- Luke's version is that the doer's house was well-built. It was built to win.

**What does being built to win involve?**

**Being built to win involves these 4 aspects.**

### I. Built to win involves your behavior.

- a. [Jas 1:22-25 NASB95] 22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; 24 for [once] he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. 25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the [law] of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.
- b. [1Jo 3:7 NASB95] 7 Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;

### II. Built to win involves your decision.

- a. [Luk 6:48 NASB95] 48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.
- b. [Mat 28:19-20 NASB95] 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
- c. A consideration: One was an active choice. The other was an inactive choice.

### III. Built to win involves floods and storms.

- a. [Eph 6:13 NASB95] 13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.
- b. Hard times: [2Co 1:8-10 NASB95] 8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came [to us] in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; 9 indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; 10 who delivered us from so great a [peril of] death, and will deliver [us,] He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,

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- c. End times: [Eze 13:10-14 NASB95] 10 "It is definitely because they have misled My people by saying, 'Peace!' when there is no peace. And when anyone builds a wall, behold, they plaster it over with whitewash; 11 [so] tell those who plaster [it] over with whitewash, that it will fall. A flooding rain will come, and you, O hailstones, will fall; and a violent wind will break out. 12 "Behold, when the wall has fallen, will you not be asked, 'Where is the plaster with which you plastered [it?]" 13 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "I will make a violent wind break out in My wrath. There will also be in My anger a flooding rain and hailstones to consume [it] in wrath. 14 "So I will tear down the wall which you plastered over with whitewash and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation is laid bare; and when it falls, you will be consumed in its midst. And you will know that I am the LORD.
- d. The Bible is clear about the effects of a sin-filled Satan-controlled world; trouble.

### **IV. Built to win involves different results.**

- a. [Luk 6:48 NASB95] 48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.
  - b. [Psa 34:19 NASB95] 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.
  - c. When you serve God, it makes a difference.
- **When we get serious about genuinely surrendering and serving Jesus, our lives will be built to win through every adversity.**