

# Building on the Foundation of Jesus 2026

[1 Corinthians 3:11](#) “For no one can lay a foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.”;

## What did Jesus tell us about foundations?

Matthew 7:[24](#) KJV Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: [25](#)Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. [26](#)But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. [27](#)When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

1. Whosoever hears, considers, understands, believes, and obeys the doctrine which I have now taught you...Jesus likens those who listen and obey his teaching to a wise man. Note: He said HEARS & DOES
2. Obedience is key. Obedience is the proof of “those who have ears, let them hear”. If we hear and disobey, then we are not abiding in Christ, but living in rebellion and are spiritually deaf and dumb. We see this reiterated in [1 Corinthians 3:11](#) “[10](#)Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. [11](#)For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ.” So if we do not obey his doctrine then we are pretending in vain to build on him.
3. Before and After: He started with “Therefore” because there is a before and after...whatever your former conduct may have been, being now brought to repentance and amendment of life, and becoming a new

creature, he lays a solid foundation for present comfort and everlasting security and joy.

4. The foolish, those who refuse to build on this foundation will collapse under the pressures of the world.

**What was the Therefore there for? On this day, Jesus used these verses as the conclusion of his sermon. What came before this?**

1. Don't judge-you are a sinner too, and the same manner you use will be measured to you. Reprove yourself, not others. You point out a spec and have a log in your eye. Don't waste what is Holy on the unholy. (Pearls to swine) snarling haters of truth and righteousness. Matthew 7:1-6
2. Effective Prayer-keep asking, knocking & seeking God. Knocking is action relational. If you are knocking you want a relationship with the person at the door. He is a good Father and will give to you what you need. Matthew 7:7-11
3. Golden Rule-Do unto others as you would have them do unto you-it is the essence of the law and prophets (Love your Neighbor as yourself Love your God with All your Heart) Matthew 7:12
4. The Narrow Gate-only through Jesus, the gate to Hell is wide. Matthew 7:13-14
5. Good Fruit/Bad Fruit-beware of false teachers, you can spot them by their fruit. (actions) Matthew 7:15-20
6. True Disciples-not only believing but following and obeying.

**How can we be Living Stones for the Kingdom's Spiritual Temple?**

1 Peter 2:4<sup>NLT</sup>You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.

<sup>5</sup>And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. <sup>6</sup>As the Scriptures say,

**“I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.” (Isaiah 28:16)**

**7**Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him,

**“The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.” (Ps 118:22.)**

**8**and **“A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense.” (Isaiah 8:14)** They stumble because they do not obey God’s word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.

**9**But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

**10**“Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God’s people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God’s mercy.” (Hos 1:6, 9; 2:23.)

**11**Dear friends, I warn you as **“temporary residents and foreigners”** to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. **12**Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

**Living Stones:**

- **Daily study the Word**
- **Praise and Worship**
- **Prayer and Fasting**
- **Stewardship and Righteousness-seeking and abiding**
- **Mature focus on Elementary Principals to make disciples (Hebrew 6:1-3)**  
**Baptism, Laying on hands, Resurrection of the dead, Eternal judgment, Repentance, Faith.**