When Storms Come

Ken Chapman · Matthew 7:24–27

INTRODUCTION

- Our theme for 2024 is how firm a foundation.
- This first quarter, under the theme of how firm a foundation, we want to talk about Christ as the cornerstone.
- The purpose and the distinguishing factor in regard to a foundation, whether it's a good one or a bad one, is demonstrated when the storms come.

1 The Storms of Life Will Come

- The first thing we need to recognize is the reality of life is they will come.
- There'll come a time when you won't get that clean bill of health. That the doctor will deliver bad news.
- Job said, life is short and full of troubles.
- Storms are going to come. The storms of life are inevitable. And sometimes those storms are severe.

2 Storms Come to the Good and the Bad

Matthew 5:44–45; Ecclesiastes 9:11

- Storms come to the good and the bad.
- The good things of life happen to the godly and the ungodly.
- Sometimes life doesn't make sense. And it doesn't seem fair.
- The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to men of understanding, nor favor to men of skill. But time and chance happened to them all.
- The storms of life come upon the good and the bad equally.

3 Do Not Let Storms Diminish Our Faith

Romans 9:14–21

- We must not let the fact that storms come diminish our faith.
- Just because an all-powerful and an all-loving God allows evil and wickedness and storms of life to happen does not argue away his existence.
- Do I allow it to just diminish or destroy my faith in God? Or do I allow it to even strengthen my faith?
- When we say to God, I believe in you, we're saying, I trust you.
- Does not the potter have power over the clay from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor.
- Do we truly have enough faith to look to God and say, I trust you. Even when I cannot see the way.

4 The Only Difference Was the Foundation

Matthew 7:24; Proverbs 10:25

- The storms in their severity were the same between both houses. The only difference was in the outcome.
- Anything that is negative in our life, anything that might affect negatively our faith is the storm of life.
- So what's the house represent? Well, it represents us, it represents our lives.
- The foundation, Jesus would say, was his words.
- When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked is no more. But the righteous has an everlasting foundation.
- If we've built our foundation upon Christ and His Word, we can endure those storms.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Storms are going to come. The question is, how will you weather those storms? How will you or will you be prepared for those storms?**

MY NOTES