The welcome verse for this week is Proverbs 18:10, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe."



Can't Stop, Won't Stop

Matthew 7:24-27; 1 Corinthians 15:58

The Bottom Line: Security starts at the foundation.

Introduction:

If we've learned anything over the last couple of years, it's that life really can change in an instant.

What keeps you grounded when things hit the fan?

Many say, "my spouse, my children, my job."

Some say, "Netflix, pinot noir, a night on the town."

Tension:

There will be days when a steady paycheck still isn't enough.

There will be wounds that a glass of wine can't heal.

There will be pain that won't be cured just because you are married.

Truth:

We need something transcendent, something far greater and far bigger than ourselves, to hold us up when the days get tough.

Frail ground makes frail people. Steady ground makes steady people. In other words, security starts at the foundation.

Jesus teaches this principle as he closes his Sermon on the Mount.

Read Matthew 7:24-27.

Jesus teaches his disciples a great lesson through a parable.

Jesus references two different men. Notice the difference was not good versus bad, but wise versus foolish.

Jesus points to two things that kept the wise man safely – the object of his faith and the quality of his faith. These same two things are what provide steady ground for us.

1.	The Object of our faith.
2.	Γhe quality of our faith.

Application & Conclusion:

The way in which you come out of the current trial you face or endure the next trial you will face will depend on the foundation you are setting right now. What is your faith in? And is your faith strong enough and real enough to withstand the troubles you face in this life?

Jesus' church cannot be stopped. You cannot lose when you dive headfirst into true life with Jesus. Believe the gospel. Dig a deep well in Christ. Take him at his word. Join him in his work.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,

knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

- 1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV

Discussion questions for group this week:
1. What does this teach me about God?
2. What does this teach me about me?
3. How do I apply this to my life?
4.If I could ask a question about this it would be
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