

***“Faith that Fortifies; Even in Life’s Storms”***

***Faith for Life***

***Part 3***

***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. <sup>25</sup> 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.***

***“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. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”***

***Matthew 7:24 -27***

*How are you building your life?*

***“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure”***

***Hebrews 6: 19***

***“I am worn out waiting for your rescue, but I have put my hope in your word.”***

***Psalms 119:81***

## **Anchor yourself to God's Word**

***“Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.”***

***James 1:17-18 NLT***

*God's Word is good*

*God's Word is perfect*

*God's Word is true*



*God's Word is unchanging*

*God's Word is **Life-Giving***

***“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”***

***Romans 15:4***

*“Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.”*

*James 1:21*

*Humbly Accept God’s Word*

***“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.”***

***James 1:22-25***

***Study what it says***

*“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”*

*Joshua 1:8*

**Do what it says**

***“Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror<sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.”***

***James 1:23-24***