

## KEY VERSE:

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.

Matthew 7:24



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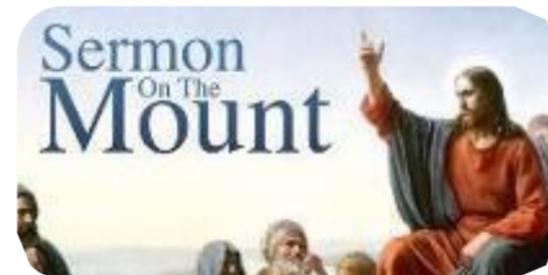
# FOUNDATION CAFÉ SERVICE

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## Sermon On The Mount 5: Two Kinds of People



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## KNOW WHAT:

- Today we continue to look at the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus teaches his followers how to live.
- We have looked at the Beatitudes – eight attitudes that lead to a happy life, Jesus' teaching on true treasure and His teaching about not needing to worry.
- Last week we looked at the 'golden rule' – 'do to others what you would have them do to you'.
- Today, the last in our series on the sermon on the Mount, we hear a story that Jesus told about two kinds of people. One built his house on a rock; the other built his house on sand. When a storm came the house on the rock was ok. The house on the sand fell with a great crash.

## SO WHAT:

- The story Jesus told was a parable. What Jesus was really talking about was having firm foundations in our lives. When our lives are built on the firm foundations of having God in our lives, living by the teachings of Jesus and relying on God's strength, we can face the hard things (the storms) that happen in our lives and not be knocked over by them.

## NOW WHAT:

- Let's take time to reflect on how much we are building our lives with a real trust in God.
- Let's make sure we build strong foundations for our children's lives too.

## JIM'S JOTTINGS

### **Why Manhattan nearly remained in obscurity.**

Today we think of Manhattan as the business and financial capital of the world with its enormous office buildings reaching to the sky. But that was not the original plan. As New York City developed and became overcrowded, necessitating the construction of tall buildings, the first choice was not Manhattan but Brooklyn. However, as city planners started to plan developments they realised the critical issue: the ground under Brooklyn was soft and would not take major construction without extraordinary measures and impossible cost. So they looked across the river to Manhattan, originally an Indian camp and then a Dutch trading post. There the ground was bedrock, a very firm foundation for huge office buildings. And so Manhattan was built.

Today we look at the story Jesus told of the importance of building our lives on firm foundations which will hold up. Those foundations are the teaching that Jesus gave, remarkable in its day and remarkable still. If we want to be sure to build good futures for ourselves and our families, the key is listening to Jesus and doing what he said. It has worked for 2,000 years and still does so today.