

To Sum it All Up: The Wise and the Foolish

Matthew 7:24-27

Opening Discussion:

1. When have you faced a “storm” in your life, and how did your faith in God help you through it?
2. Why is it hard to obey God’s Word even when we know God’s way is the best way?
3. What happens when we disobey God for a long time with no real consequences?
4. What parts of your life are built on God and His Word, and which parts are not built on God and His Word?
5. What keeps you from trusting God fully in every area of your life?

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Explore the Passage

1. Everyone, then

2. The wise man

We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. **Ephesians 2:10**

3. The foolish man

Whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. **James 4:17**

4. The storm is coming

When the people build a wall, these prophets smear it with whitewash . . . Therefore thus says the Lord God: I will make a stormy wind break out in my wrath, and there shall be a deluge of rain in my anger, and great hailstones in wrath to make a full end. And I will break down the wall that you have smeared with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be laid bare. When it falls, you shall perish in the midst of it, and you shall know that I am the Lord.

Ezekiel 13:10-14

When the tempest passes, the wicked is no more, but the righteous is established forever. **Proverbs 10:25**

The house of the wicked will be destroyed, but the tent of the upright will flourish. There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. **Proverbs 14:11-12**

Fill in the Blank Answers:

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1. Everyone
2. wise
3. foolish
4. storm