

SOLID ROCK

THOUGHTS FROM CRAIG LEWIS

MATTHEW 7:24-25 (MSG)

These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.

It's a parable that we have learned from our earliest days in Sunday School. The wise man built his house upon the rock. The foolish man built his house upon the sand.

What many of us fail to realize is that you can only tell the quality of how you have built your life when the storm comes. Build it on the right foundation, and the storm has little impact, other than perhaps inconvenience. Build it on the wrong foundation, and the results are often tragic and devastating.

This doesn't just happen to the foolish. It also happens to the fair-weather Christian. The person who trusts God in the good times, the easy times, but never gets deep with God. At the first sign of trouble, their faith wavers and often crumbles.

Songwriter Katie Fuentes reminds us of what we can find when we put our faith completely in God as our solid rock. We find that God is faithful and constant. As a result, He brings peace, truth, grace and understanding. His presence is our refuge.

We live in an ever-changing world. We can be certain that storms may engulf us from time to time. That is inescapable. Will we be defeated by these times of difficulty?

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:37-39 (NIV)

It's not too late for a time of renovation and restoration in your life. Get to work reconstructing around His Word. Spend time in prayer. Sing psalms and hymns of praise. A strong faith, firmly grounded in Jesus Christ, is the best weatherproofing for your life.

DEAR GOD, REMIND US THAT NO MATTER THE STORMS OF LIFE THAT MAY RAGE AROUND US, IF WE CENTER OUR LIFE UPON YOU, OUR SOLID ROCK, WE SHALL OVERCOME AND BE MORE THAN CONQUERORS.