

This is COTR PART 2

Matthew 7:24-28 TPT

MAIN TAKEAWAY

Personal growth brings fulfillment, and we can't grow spiritually without the local church. We can get saved anywhere else, but it is in the local church that we grow.

CHURCH ON THE ROCK IS:

1. A place where you can learn the skill of being a doer of God's Word.
 - a. Being a doer of the Word is not a gift, but a skill that needs to be taught.
 - b. We're not blessed in *hearing* the Word, but in *doing* the Word.
2. A place to learn how to overcome every storm life throws at you.
 - a. We're either going to be a warrior or a victim.
 - b. Excuses will never take us to greatness.
3. A place to learn how to build a life that will last.
 - a. A life that leaves a legacy and where we finish well.

KEY SCRIPTURES

1. **Matthew 7:24-28 TPT** Everyone who hears my teaching and applies it to his life can be compared to a wise man who built his house on an unshakable foundation. When the rains fell and the flood came, with fierce winds beating upon his house, it stood firm because of its strong foundation. "But everyone who hears my teaching and does not apply it to his life can be compared to a foolish man who built his house on sand. When it rained and rained and the flood came, with wind and waves beating upon his house, it collapsed and was swept away.
 - a. We're all to be builders, what are you building? And what are you building it on?
 - b. When storms, adversity, and challenges come, we need a firm foundation to stand on, overcome and move forward.
2. **Mark 11:23 KJV** For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.
 - a. Mountains represent things that are bigger than us, that seem permanent and will never change, but you can move them with faith.

- b.** Our faith might not be able to prevent a mountain always, but it can **remove** it.

Benefits of being grounded or having a strong foundation:

- 1.** Take bigger risks- God ordained risks are what take us to a new level, what accelerates us.
- 2.** Keep moving forward into the unknown.
- 3.** Grow in resilience.
- 4.** Overcome the storms of life.
- 5.** Won't drift or be unstable.
- 6.** Grow spiritually.
- 7.** Finish strong.

Things to remember in a storm:

- 1.** Stay a student- ask yourself:
 - a.** What can I learn from this?
 - b.** Where did I grow?
 - c.** Where did I get stronger?
 - d.** How did I come through better?
- 2.** Stay in faith
 - a.** Everything we need from God comes by faith.
 - b.** Faith come by hearing the Word of God and if we're not hearing the Word, faith leaves our lives.
 - c.** For faith to work it has to be in 2 places (Romans 10:8 KJV):
 - i.** My mouth: what we're saying is the 1st corresponding action that we're in faith.
 - ii.** My heart: keep speaking the Word of God, for it to go from your head to your heart.
- 3.** What you say
 - a.** If my faith doesn't move my mouth, it'll never move my mountains.

REFLECT & REVISIT

Go back and read **Matthew 7:24–28**. Reflect on the importance of not just hearing the Word of God but being a doer of the Word, how applying the Word to our lives is what will build an unshakeable and strong foundation. As you read, ask yourself: What is one thing from the teaching of God's Word that I can apply immediately? Apply it this week, build your life on the unshakable foundation that only God's Word can offer.