Rock & Sand
This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from Matthew 7:24-29

24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29 for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

- This is Jesus final illustration in the Sermon on the Mount. Why might Jesus use this as a concluding statement?
- How are the two houses similar? How are they different?
- Both builders have been a part of the Christian community, hearing the words of Jesus (24, 26). But only one responds with action. What can keep those who hear God’s Word from living in light of it?
- What is an example of a sandy foundation we might try to build on after hearing Jesus’ words? What exactly is the rock foundation?
- Storms reveal the quality of our lives. What storms are you facing? How are they testing your hearing and doing?
- When a storm exposes that you’ve built your house upon the sand, what can you do?
- The crowds were astonished that Jesus taught with authority. What might that kind of teaching look like?
- What is one “word” you heard from Jesus throughout this series on the Sermon on the Mount that changed the place you were building or what you were doing? You may need to take time to reflect on Matthew 5-7.
- The One teaching here is our sure Foundation and His Word is Truth. Repent and pray together in light of this week’s passage.

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