

We are the House of God

The fundamentals of a well-built house help us to better understand our identity as the Church. Jesus Christ makes clear that the firmer our foundation, the more secure we will be when the storms of life come our way. Studying the image of the Church as the house of God will help us discover the true foundation of our faith life, both individually and as a body of believers, and teach how we should treat each other so that we can live our faith well together in community.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What is a foundation? Why is a strong, firm foundation important?
- What rules have you found most helpful for living well in community?



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READ [Ephesians 2:13-20](#), [Matthew 7:24-27](#), [1 Timothy 3:14-15](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- What is the condition of your spiritual foundation?
- In segment 2, hosts Dave Bast and Scott Hoezee discuss Jesus' teaching about the wise and foolish builders in [Matthew 7](#). Scott observes that the wise builder was not spared the storms, but with the strong foundation he had built, his house was better prepared to survive the storms. Can you think of a person who survived a stormy time in life because of their faith? What made their faith notable to you during that time?
- What has the concept of family taught you about your relationship with God and with fellow believers?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Romans 16:3-5](#), [1 Corinthians 16:19-20](#), [Colossians 4:15](#), [Colossians 3:18-25](#), [Matthew 25:31-46](#), [1 Peter 4:7-17](#)

CONCLUSION

A well-built house has a strong foundation and can weather storms. Likewise, when our faith is built on the strong foundation of Jesus Christ and God's Word, we too can weather the storms of life both individually and as the Church. Furthermore, we are God's household, and just as any group of people living life together in community needs rules to guide behavior, so they can live well together, the Apostle Paul gives us the rules for God's household. These rules are not meant to restrict us, but rather, to aid us as we live our faith well together in God-honoring ways. As you reflect on these two lessons a well-built house offers our faith, consider this prayer:

Jesus, you are the Cornerstone. Make your Word a firm and immovable presence in my mind and heart. Send your Spirit to reinforce the foundations of my faith. Help me to see my fellow believers with your eyes. Open my eyes to the ways I can show love to all people, just as I desire to show my love to you. Amen.

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