**Homes That Stand in the Storm Discussion Guide**

At the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells a story about two houses built on two different foundations. One house was built on the solid foundation of rock, the other on the weak foundation of sand. A strong storm hits both houses. The house built on the strong foundation of rock withstands the storm. The house built on the week foundation of sand is completely destroyed.

In this story, Jesus is teaching us how to build our families and our lives in such a way that when the storms come, we will be able to withstand it. If we build our lives on the strong foundation of Jesus Christ and His Word, we will be able to withstand the storms of life. If we build our lives and families on anything other than Jesus and His Word, when the storms of life come, we will crumble and fall.

**Key Passage: Matthew 7:24-27**

**Discussion Questions:**

* What does it mean to build your life on Jesus Christ and His Word?
* What are some ways we build our lives on things that are not Jesus Christ and His Word?
* Why is it so important that we build our lives on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ?

**Prayer Focus:**

Thank God for giving you and your family a solid foundation on which to build. Ask God to help you build your family and your life on the right foundation. Ask him to give you wisdom to make the right decisions every day as you live for Him. Pray for strength to withstand the storms of life.

**Next Steps**

1. Read Matthew 7:24-27 again.
2. Discuss specific biblical principles that make up the materials for building your home and life.
3. What are some things you can do to make sure you are building your life on the right foundation? Plan to do some of those things this week.