TWO BUILDERS

Parables
September 20, 2026

KEY SCRIPTURE

- Matthew 7:21-27
- Proverbs 9:10
- Philippians 2:12-13
- Luke 11:28

KEY POINTS

- This parable is the ending of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is not giving a building story. He is calling hearers to become doers.
- Not everyone who says “Lord, Lord” will enter the kingdom, but the one who does the will of the Father.
- Both builders heard the same words. Both built. Both faced the same storm. The difference was obedience.
- The wise builder puts his hope in Christ and actually does what Jesus says. The foolish builder hears and does not do.
- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Reverence and awe of a holy God give us insight to obey.
- Grace does not cancel obedience. Jesus upheld the Father’s will perfectly and now empowers us by the Spirit to walk it out.
- Working out our salvation with fear and trembling is not earning salvation. It is responding to the gift we have already received.
- Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it. Little yeses add up into a house that stands.

DISCUSSION

- Justin told Pastor Bob, “I hear it, but I have not done it.” Where does that sentence land on you?
- Jesus said some will say “Lord, Lord” and still hear, “I never knew you.” How is knowing Jesus different from being around church activity?
- Both houses faced the same storm. What storm is testing the foundation of your life right now?
- Pastor Bob said the fear of the Lord is reverence and awe, not panic. What would it look like for you to recover a holy fear of God this week?
- Where have you been hearing Jesus clearly but still choosing your own way?
- “Little by little, little yeses instead of no.” What is one small obedience the Holy Spirit is asking you to practice this week?
- If your house is not on the Rock yet, what would it mean today to stop striving, confess Jesus, and start building on Him?