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# Sermon Notes

## Today's Scripture Passage: *Luke 6:46-49*

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words **and puts them into practice**. He is like a man building a house, who **dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock**. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was **well built**. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

## Questions for Reflection & Discussion

- In the past six months, how many times have you made a decision to obey or follow God with awareness that choosing His way might be costly to you in some way?
- In relationship to Jesus, which best describes you...an interested listener or an obedient disciple? What might help you cross the line of commitment to an obedient disciple?
- Do you feel "educated beyond your obedience?" What can you do to start applying more of what you are learning?
- What kind of relationships (spiritual friendships, mentoring, study groups, accountability) are you developing to support your decision to build your life on Jesus' words?

## For Further Reading:

- Ezekiel 13:10-16 (passage that Jesus probably had in mind when he spoke)
- James 1:22-25
- *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society* by Eugene H. Peterson

## Prayer Prompts:

- Holy Spirit, give me a realistic look at how I am building my foundation. I do not want to be deceived into thinking that I am building my foundation strong when I am not.
- Give me courage to follow Jesus' teachings even when it is costly to me.
- Break down my pride so that I will allow Jesus to help me.
- Help me not be overwhelmed with all the things that I am learning but to focus on following Jesus one step at a time.
- Show me the relationships to invest in that will help me build a Jesus foundation.