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Today's Scripture Passage: Matthew 7:24-29 P 686 Pew Bible

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **25** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. **26** But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. **27** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." **28** When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, **29** because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. To what is this excerpt (Matt 7:24-29) a conclusion?
2. Jesus is telling His listeners that 'practicing His words' is wise and builds a strong foundation for life. What are some of God's words that have made a difference in your life?
3. How do you recall 'hearing' these words?
4. How do we discern what we hear from God?
5. What prohibits us from hearing God speak into our lives?
6. If we "hear" but do not "do" the words of God, has our faith failed or have we failed our faith?
7. What do you think v. 29 means, and what difference does it make regarding "practicing His words"?

Prayers

1. Our Leaders.
2. Our Transition Team.
3. Our church to be suitably prepared to receive a new pastor.
4. Those affected by the floods in South Carolina.