Introduction:
You're going to go through many different kinds of moments when your foundation and what you thought you knew feels shaken. Right now, we're all facing the coronavirus, but you may be facing a financial storm because of it, or you may be facing a health storm or a relational storm. All of these can create instability in your life. So how do you build a firm foundation in a way (maybe a different way than you are used to) to give you stability when the inevitable comes and you feel shaken?

(Jesus) “Everyone who pays attention to MY WORD and puts it into practice is like a wise person who built his house on a SOLID ROCK foundation. Then a STORM arose. The rain poured down, and the floodwaters rose, and the storm winds beat hard against that house; yet it did not collapse! Nothing moved it because it was ANCHORED TO THE ROCK. But everyone who hears MY WORD and does NOT practice it is like a foolish person who built his house on sand. When the storm hit, and the rain poured down, and the floodwaters rose, and the winds blew against that house, it completely collapsed with a huge crash.”

Matthew 7:24-27 (NASB)

“God, my soul is weak from waiting for you to save me. But my HOPE is based on your WORD.”

Psalm 119:81 (God’s Word)

In Isaiah 59:21, the Bible says this: "The Lord says, 'My people, I promise to give you my Spirit and my Word, and these will be my gifts to you and your families forever.'" (NLT)

“Do not merely LISTEN to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says! Anyone who listens to the Word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But if you KEEP LOOKING INTENTLY into the perfect law that gives freedom, and you CONTINUE to do this, NOT forgetting what you have learned, but DOING IT -- then you will be BLESSED in whatever you do.”

James 1:22-25 (NIV)

FIVE ACTIONS FOR GOD’S BLESSING

1. __________________________ TO THE WORD! “Listen”

2. __________________________ THE WORD! “Keep looking intently”

3. ___________________________! “Continue to do this”
4. __________________________ THE WORD!  “Not forgetting”

“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. THEN you will be prosperous and successful.”

Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

5. ___________________________________________!  “Do what it says”

This Word is God's mirror. It helps you see yourself accurately, not the way the world sees you and not the way your parents see you, not the way your husband or wife sees you, but the way God sees you, which is THE TRUE WAY. When you look in the mirror, you see yourself, but if you don't do anything about it, what's the use of looking in the mirror? When God speaks to you through His word, write down an action step and then do it. The blessing doesn't come from reading, the blessing comes IN DOING!

Build yourself a Firm Foundation on the rock-solid truth of God's word, and that's how you get stability that you're going to need in life when everything around you is changing.

**Reread what Jesus says in Matthew 7:24-27**

What are you building your life on? You building it on pop culture? You building it on personal opinion? Are you building it on the unchanging rock of God's eternal truth? If you're feeling unstable this morning, get in this book. Get in it and read it, study it, memorize it, meditate and do it. And do it.

**Upcoming: Study the Book of Ephesians and REMIX Groups and Tools**

**First Response – Prayer:** "Dear Jesus Christ, as much as I know how, I open my life to you. I want to build my life on the rock-solid truth of your Word. I don't want to build my life on popular opinion or what culture says. I don't want to build my life on the opinions of other people, but I want to build my life on the rock so that I have the stability when the storms of life come and shake my world. I open my life to you, Jesus. I ask you to help me to become a person of the Word, that during this time when sporting events are canceled and concerts are canceled and going out to dinner is canceled, and I have a lot of free time, may I spend that time in your Word, getting to know you better. To become a man of the word or a woman of the word, and I ask you to accept me into your family by your grace. I'm putting my faith in You; in Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

**Second Response: Send me a text:** 309-346-3053

1. I accepted Jesus today. Pray for me.
2. I will study God’s Word this summer.
3. Pray for me………. 