

A Firm Foundation

Setting your Family on Solid Ground.



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Matthew 7:24-27

24 “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. 26 But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. 27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

Are you building your life and your family’s life on sinking sand or on bedrock?

1 Corinthians 3:11

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 10:25

When the storms of life come, the wicked are whirled away, but the godly have a lasting foundation.

We may need to rebuild our foundation but the good news we serve a God who loves to restore!

Jesus wants you to build your life and family on concrete (Firm Foundation)!

What are those spiritual ingredients?

1. **Submission**
2. **Love**
3. **Respect**
4. **Discipline**
5. **Obedience.**

First to Jesus – Second Marriage and Family – Third Community.

Ephesians 5:21-33 6:1-4

21 And further, **submit** to **one another** out of reverence for Christ. **22** For wives, this means **submit** to your husbands as to the Lord. **23** For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. **24** As the church **submits** to Christ, so you wives should **submit** to your husbands in everything. **25** For husbands, this means **love** your wives, just as Christ **loved** the church. He gave up his life for her **26** to make her holy and clean,

washed by the cleansing of God’s word. **27** He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. **28** In the same way, husbands ought to **love** their wives as they **love** their own bodies. For a man who **loves** his wife actually shows **love** for himself. **29** No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. **30** And we are members of his body. **31** As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the **two are united into one.**” **32** This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. **33** So again I say, each man must **love** his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must **respect** her husband.

6:1-4 Children, **obey** your parents because you belong to the Lord for this is the right thing to do. **2** “**Honor** your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: **3** If you **honor** your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.” **4** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the **discipline** and **instruction** that comes from the Lord.

Submit in Greek means *hupotasso mai*:

Head in Greek means *kephalē*:

Roles:

Expectations:

Values:

Communication Styles:

What is one area you can work on today... take one step!

Challenge:

1. **Submission**
2. **Love**
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- We fight for the oneness of our marriage. (The Two shall become one)
- We deploy ourselves to support, love and respect one another!
- We are called to train our kids by example. (train up your children in the ways of the Lord)
- Begin by praying together!
- Ask... How can I support you?
- Forgive, Admit, and Stand Up.