

"Build Your House On The Rock"

5 Day Devotional: Inspired By Minister Edith Mulligan

Day 1: Build on the Rock

Devotional

Every life is under construction. The question is not whether you are building, but what you are building on. In Matthew 7, Jesus makes it plain: hear His words and do them, and you are building on solid ground. Ignore them, and you are setting yourself up for a fall. Jesus is not just a good teacher or a historical figure. He is the rock. He is the Chief Cornerstone. He is the only foundation that holds when life gets hard. And life will get hard. Storms are not a maybe. They are a when. Here is the encouraging truth: you do not have to build alone. Jesus is both the foundation and the one who walks with you through the process. Every time you open His Word, every time you choose obedience over convenience, every time you show up in faith, you are laying another brick on something that will last. You may feel like your life is a work in progress. That is okay. So did every house before it was finished. What matters is that you are building on the right foundation. Start there. Stay there. Everything else will follow.

Bible Verse

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock." - Matthew 7:24

Reflection Question

If your life were a house under construction right now, what does the foundation actually look like?

Quote

"Jesus is the rock. He's a solid foundation. He's the Chief cornerstone. He's the rock of all ages."

Prayer

Lord, help me to build my life on You and You alone. Give me the wisdom to hear Your Word and the courage to act on it. Amen.

Day 2: When the Storm Hits

Devotional

Nobody builds a house hoping for a storm. But every builder knows the storm is coming. That is exactly why the foundation matters so much. In Matthew 7, both builders faced the same wind, the same rain, the same flood. The storm did not discriminate. What made the difference was what each house was standing on. One stood firm. One fell flat. Maybe you are in a storm right now. A health battle. A broken relationship. A situation that feels like it is caving in around you. If so, this is not the moment to panic. This is the moment to remember what you are standing on. When your life is rooted in Jesus Christ, the enemy does not get the final word. He can apply pressure. He can make noise. But he cannot destroy what God has established. That is not wishful thinking. That is a promise. You are not alone in the storm. God sees you, He knows you, and He has not forgotten you. Hold on to His Word. Let it anchor you. The storm will pass, and what is built on the rock will still be standing.

Bible Verse

"And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand." - Matthew 7:26

Reflection Question

When a storm hits your life, what is the first thing you reach for, and does it point you toward God or away from Him?

Quote

"When you build on the rocks, the enemy will not destroy your foundation. He can huff and he can puff, but he will not blow your house down."

Prayer

Father, when the storms of life come, remind me that I am standing on solid ground in You. Strengthen my faith and help me to hold firm. Amen.

Day 3: What Goes Into the Walls

Devotional

A strong foundation is essential, but a house is more than just what it sits on. It is also what it is built with. And when it comes to building a life that lasts, the materials matter. Love. Forgiveness. Obedience. Righteousness. Faith. Prayer. These are not extras you add when you have time. They are the very things that hold your life together when everything around you is shaking. Think about it this way. A house without walls cannot protect anyone. In the same way, a life built on Jesus but lacking love or forgiveness is incomplete. These qualities are not just nice to have. They are what make your faith visible, real, and strong. The good news is that you do not have to manufacture these things on your own. God is the source of every one of them. When you stay close to Him, through prayer, through His Word, through community, He builds these things into you over time. Do not rush the process. Do not get discouraged when it feels

slow. Keep showing up. Keep adding to what God is building in you. A life built with these materials is a life that will stand.

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Reflection Question

Which of these building materials (love, forgiveness, obedience, faith, or prayer) is most lacking in your life right now, and what would it look like to start adding more of it?

Quote

"When building your house, make sure you add love. Make sure you add forgiveness. Make sure you add obedience. Make sure you add righteousness. Add faith and a whole lot of love. And don't forget prayer."

Prayer

God, build in me the qualities that reflect You. Fill me with love, faith, and a heart that is willing to obey. Amen.

Day 4: This Is Personal

Devotional

Faith is not a family heirloom. You cannot inherit it from your parents or borrow it from the person sitting next to you in the pew. At some point, every person has to answer the question for themselves: do I have a real, personal relationship with Jesus Christ? That question is not meant to make you feel guilty. It is meant to invite you into something deeper. God already knows where you are. He knows your thoughts before you think them. He knew you before you were born. And still, He pursues you. Still, He calls you by name. A personal relationship with Jesus means talking to Him, not just about Him. It means trusting Him with the things that keep you up at night. It means letting His Word shape how you think, how you speak, and how you treat people. No matter where you are starting from, it is not too late. There is no environment God cannot reach into. There is no heart He cannot change. He is not waiting for you to have it all together. He is simply waiting for you to come. Take a step toward Him today. Even a small one. He will meet you there.

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Reflection Question

If you are honest with yourself, is your relationship with Jesus Christ personal and growing, or has it become more of a routine or tradition?

Quote

"It's not a group thing. This is a personal thing. A personal relationship with Jesus."

Prayer

Jesus, I want to know You personally, not just know about You. Draw me closer and help me to build a real relationship with You. Amen.

Day 5: Keep Building

Devotional

Building takes time. Nobody pours a foundation on Monday and moves in on Tuesday. Growth is a process, and your spiritual life is no different. Some days you will feel like you are making real progress. Other days it will feel like you are barely holding on. Both are part of the journey. What matters is that you do not stop building. God is not in a hurry with you. He is patient, consistent, and faithful. He sees every effort you make, even the ones that feel small or unnoticed. He honors a heart that keeps showing up, keeps giving, and keeps trusting Him even when it is hard. Generosity is part of that. Giving your time, your resources, and your heart to God is an act of faith. It says, I trust You with what I have. And God loves that kind of cheerful, open-handed faith. You are not the same person you were when you started this journey. And if you keep building on the right foundation, you will not be the same person tomorrow that you are today. That is the power of a life surrendered to Jesus Christ. He changes everything. Keep going. Keep building. Home is worth it.

Reflection Question

In what area of your life do you need to trust God enough to keep building, even when progress feels slow or invisible?

Prayer

Lord, thank You for being patient with me. Help me to keep building, keep giving, and keep trusting You with every part of my life. Amen.