



Family Values

Part 4: Building Wisely



CONVERSATION GUIDE



SMALL GROUPS

In the *Family Values* series, we are affirming a foundational truth: family values are not inherited automatically—they are formed intentionally. A strong family is not the product of luck, personality, or ideal circumstances, but of a consistent commitment to build wisely.

In *Matthew 7:24–27*, Jesus shows us that we are all building something. Two people hear the same words, face the same storm, yet experience completely different outcomes. The difference is not the intensity of the wind, but the foundation. One chose to obey and build on the rock; the other listened but did not apply what he heard. This passage teaches us that family stability is not achieved by trying to avoid the storm, but by strengthening the foundation every day through firm and consistent decisions.

“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 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. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

Matthew 7:24-27 (NLT)



LET’S TALK ABOUT IT

1. What practical decisions demonstrate that we are building on the rock and not on sand?
2. Why is it easy to hear good teaching but difficult to apply it consistently?

3. **Joshua 24:15 (NIV)** declares: *“But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”* What practical implications does making that same decision have today?
4. In what specific area does your family need to move from good intentions to intentional decisions?

Strong families are not built by accident... they are built by decision.

MAKE IT PRACTICAL

I build a family that lasts:

- **By defining my values.** Clearly write down the non-negotiable values of your home and evaluate whether your time, conversations, and decisions reflect those values. Then, together with your household, make a clear spiritual decision (for example, removing an influence that is weakening your values).
- **By committing to the process.** Establish a daily spiritual practice, choose a specific day for intentional family conversation, and celebrate small progress, remembering that perseverance produces future stability.
- **By fighting the right battles.** Identify recurring arguments that have no eternal impact and choose not to escalate them. Instead of exhausting yourself over secondary issues, invest your energy in unity, respect, and faith, praying for discernment to focus on what truly builds up.

PRAYER

“Lord, today we choose to build on the rock. We recognize that a strong family does not happen by accident, but through intentional decisions rooted in Your Word. Give us courage to define our values, perseverance to remain faithful in the process, and wisdom to fight the right battles. May our home reflect Your presence and remain firm through every storm. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

TIPS

- Lead the spiritual direction of your home intentionally and by example; **your daily modeling has more impact than your words.**
- Building a strong home requires patience and long-term vision; **consistent decisions strengthen roots for the future.**
- **Protect your family’s unity;** do not allow pride, silence, or unforgiveness to create cracks. Apologize, listen, and restore connection quickly when tension arises.



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