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Greetings Family & Friends,

The first full week of October found us in Florida teaching in the Jacksonville and Orlando CBC schools. It was certainly great to see and be with Danon and Amanda in Jacksonville and Ronda and Kim in Orlando. The students in both schools were very hungry for the Word. One particular student came to us after our teachings and said that we answered the very questions that he had asked God that morning. God is so good and He is faithful to minister to us the things that we need. We enjoyed beautiful weather while we were in Florida. It was so nice to finally see sunshine after experiencing two weeks of nothing but clouds and rain in the Carolinas and Virginia. The unprecedented amounts of rain inspired this month's newsletter article. We pray that it will bless you.

Blessings!

Your friends,

Mickey & Suzan

*(Danon & Amanda top-Ronda & Kim below)*



## **The 1,000 Year Flood**

The Carolinas recently experienced an unusually long and hard rain. South Carolina was particularly hard hit with areas receiving up to 27 inches of rain over a period of three days. It caused massive flooding and was identified as a 1,000 year flood! Because the chances of this occurring at any given time are less than 1%, most people did not have flood insurance and they lost everything. This brought to my mind the story of the wise man that built his house on the rock and the foolish man who built his house on the sand. One house survived the storm and the

other did not Matthew 7:24-27. In the past I interpreted this to mean that the Christian builds his house on the rock and the non-Christian builds his house on the sand. However, if we look at this comparison based on its context, both builders were Christians. One had God insurance, one was self-insured. The wise man's faith was based on the power that God had to deliver him in the midst of the storms of life. His confidence was not in himself, it was in God. He was God conscious. Nothing can shake this kind of faith because it is not conditional.

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The foolish man's faith was based on a legalistic approach. He was self-conscious and depended upon his own ability to stand firm in his faith. This kind of faith is conditional. It may stand up for a period of time. On the surface it may look like it is solid, but one unexpected storm in life can topple everything.

No one is secure under the Old Covenant system. **Matthew 7:1** tells us not to judge others because if we do, we ourselves will be governed by the same standard that is impossible to measure up to.

Everyone desiring a relationship with God goes through a gate. The wide gate represents having a relationship with God based on works. It looks like the way, but it leads to destruction. The narrow gate represents entering into a relationship with God based on what he has done for us rather than on what we have to do for him. It leads to life but not many people will find it.

**Matthew 7:12-14**

**Matthew 7:15-20.** There is a false voice that is trying to lure us into the way that is based on the works of our own hands. **2 Corinthians 11:14-15** It sounds good, but it cannot produce good fruit.

***Matthew 7:21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. **22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? **23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

Not everyone that calls themselves a Christian will enter into the kingdom of heaven. This is not saying that they will go to hell. It is saying that those Christians whose work is focused on iniquity [ **unrighteousness**] will not experience the true things of the kingdom that lies within them because it is not God's way. **Romans 14:17**

Take heed to these sayings! Don't be caught in a flood without full coverage.

***Matthew 7:24** 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:*

Put your confidence in God's ability to sustain you and you will weather every storm that comes your way!

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