

Daily Devotion For March 16, 2023

“That house...did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”  
Matthew 7:25

The past week have seen record rain, snow, and floods on the central coast that we have not seen in years. Watching the reports on television we have seen that people in Pajaro area have had to evacuate and leave the areas because of a broken levy.

I saw on the news the other night that construction engineers warned of possible structural damage to the levies but those words went unheeded.

In Matthew 7:25, Jesus uses this imagery to describe the tragedy of a life built on a poor foundation. The sandy foundation Jesus warns against is that of a life seeking to be accepted by God on the basis of our own good efforts. We tend to think that if we try really hard to be good, and we strenuously work to show God our moral character, God will love us, accept us and bless us. In the end, however, that way of life is disastrous. We end up crushed under the weight of our inadequacy or feeling self-righteous and prideful.

Matthew 7:25 reminds us that Jesus is the true rock, the sure foundation. He lived the life of perfection that we cannot live and he gave up his life so that we can live. Because Jesus took our punishment, we can build our lives on Jesus and be assured that we will never taste the shame of our guilt and failure before God.

**Thought For Today:** Are you building your life on the solid foundation of Jesus? The construction engineers warned of possible structural damage to the levies but those words went unheeded. Remember the words to the Hymn The Solid Rock? “On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.”

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** Take time to thank Jesus that He is the solid rock. Pray that you will build your life on the solid rock and foundation of Jesus. Prayers for Kiku Kuwatani who is back at CHOMP with an obstructive bowel. Prayers for June Masatani who was diagnosed on Tuesday with Covid. She turns 102 next week. Prayers for a complete healing for Bob McIntyre who had eye surgery yesterday. Deo Volente.