

God Has Spoken

Number two in a nine-part series on what we believe
September 19 & 20, 2009

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•We all have underlying _____ and _____.

2. That which is built on unstable ground will not stand the tests of life.

A flimsy foundation invites _____.

3. That which is built on the rock of God’s Word will stand these tests.

Time erodes everything but _____.

4. Dayspring Fellowship is built upon God’s Word, the Bible.

Why? Because it is...
..._____ by God.

...entirely _____.

...unique in _____.

5. To build on God’s Word involves not just hearing it, but doing it.

What this means to us as a church:

What this means to you as an individual:

Questions for Personal Reflection And Group Discussion

1. How can anyone know anything about God for certain? Does the basis for our belief really come down to either speculation or revelation?

2. In theory, Christians rely on God’s Word to grasp spiritual truth. But, do we? What alternative sources compete as the foundation of our faith?

3. What jumps out at you from Christ’s story about the two contrasting foundations (Matt. 7:24-27)?

4. What do you notice the two builders had in common? In what way did they differ?

5. Do you think most people sit down and decide on their core beliefs and values, or do you think people tend to be more haphazard about choosing their foundation and just slip into building their lives on foundations that prove to be unstable?

6. Think of what happens when a house is built on shaky ground. Can you recall anyone you know whom has come crashing down based on his or her lack of a solid foundation?

7. How does building on God’s Word help a Christian to stand through the storms of life? How is a church that is built on God’s Word supposed to weather difficulties?

8. Why does Dayspring teach the Bible? Why do we trust it? What makes it unique?

9. Name one way that our church must put God’s Word into practice. And name one way you need to start doing this. Now do it.

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