

The Grace and Truth of Love and Marriage
Part 1: A Solid Foundation in Marriage
Outline – February 4, 2024
Matthew 7:24-27, Ephesians 5:28-31, Hebrews 12:25-29

The Squall Before The Hurricane
The Rumble Before The Earthquake
The Storm Before The Flood

- I. The world is shaking**
 - A. Shaking is often a warning of what is coming
 1. Judgment
 2. Disaster
 - B. Marriage and family are being shaken like never before

- II. The goal is to have a marriage foundation that is unshakable when the storm comes**
 - A. Jesus told us to build our house on the rock and your house will stand
 - B. When our world is shaking
 1. God is getting the believer's attention
 2. God is warning the nonbeliever it's about to get worse
 3. The check engine light is telling you something

- III. Why is marriage and family being shaken?**
 - A. Marriage is the foundation of:
 1. A healthy family
 2. A healthy church
 3. A healthy society
 - B. The evil one will therefore attack marriage
 - C. Interesting fact: the Devil showed up in Genesis, after the marriage of Adam and Eve
 - D. How he attacked:
 1. With doubt
 2. With denial/deception
 3. With devious intent

- IV. The foundation you need to build your marriage on**
 - A. 7 foundational pillars:
 1. God's Word
 - a. It is eternal
 - b. It's instructional
 - i. Male and female
 - ii. One man, one woman
 - iii. Created by God for God
 - c. When you give up The Word of God, you give up the blessing of God

- d. Devil can't defeat you, until he disarms you
 - e. Jesus defeated the devil with 3 scriptures
 - a. Jesus said, "It is written."
 - f. First temptation given to Jesus "meet a legitimate need, in an illegitimate way."
 - g. 4 laws of marriage found in The Word:
 - i. Marriage must be a priority
 - ii. Marriage must be pure
 - iii. Marriage has to be in pursuit of each other
 - iv. Marriage must be a partnership of love
2. God's Love
- a. Marriage requires supernatural love
 - b. Supernatural respect
 - c. 2 primary areas of marriage: Love and Respect
 - d. Keeps you off the crazy cycle
3. The Gospel of Messiah
- a. Jesus is The Lord of salvation
 - b. He is the vine, we are the branches
 - c. Gates of hell shall not prevail
4. God's Church- Community of Faith
- a. Accountability
 - b. Prayer
 - c. Instruction
 - d. Counsel
 - e. Safety
5. God's Grace
- a. Grace is needed in salvation
 - b. Grace is needed in marriage
6. God's Wisdom
- a. To make Godly decisions
 - b. What is the wise thing to do?
7. God's Spirit
- a. To fill you
 - b. To seal you
 - c. To guide you

**Build Your House on The Rock...
When the Storms Come
Your Marriage Will Be Unshakeable**