"The Rhythm of Faith!"

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

Luke 6:46-49

Becoming people who *Dig Deep* and build our lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ.

4 ways to develop a rhythm of faith:

1. Be anchored in attentive presence.

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V. 47

a. In the Word.

But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your hear, so that you can do it.

Deuteronomy 30:14

b. In prayer.

Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

Colossians 4:2

2. Establish a balance of rest and work.

They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. V. 48a

a. Rest prepares us.

Rest in the Lord; wait patiently for him to act. Psalm 37:7

b. Rest propels us.

Enthusiasm without knowledge is no good; haste makes mistakes. Proverbs 19:2 NLT

3. Join together in community.

When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. V. 48b

a. We dig deeper together.

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Colossians 2:7

b. We go wider together.

But we do hope to see your faith grow so that we can watch our mission really expand all the way to the limits God has set for us. 2 Corinthians 10:15 VOICE

4. Build according to God's plan.

But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.

V. 49

a. God's foundation.

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11

b. God's time.

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. 2 Peter 1:3

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