

DIGGING DEEP FOR A FIRM FOUNDATION

SCRIPTURE:

he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. (Luke 6:48)

MATERIALS LIST:

- (1) post hole digger
- (2) fence posts
- (1) bag of gravel
- (1) bag of sand
- (1) bag of ready mix concrete

MAIN MESSAGE:

What are our hopes built on? Are they built on the sinking sand or are they built on a firm foundation? There is only one thing to build your hopes and faith on, and that is Jesus Christ. He is the One, the stone, that the world rejected but who became the chief cornerstone (Matthew 21:42) of our salvation.

SONG: "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

LESSON:

A few years ago my wife and I decided we wanted to put up a wooden privacy fence. I had never done this before, so I figured I should do a little research on this. Most things I read agreed on most ways to do the job. One area that the many things I read disagreed on was how to bury the posts in the ground. Some wanted you to dig holes 18" deep while others said at least 24". Some said that filling the hole up with sand around the base would make it sturdy enough while others said that you needed to cement it in the hole around the fence post.

I went to the home improvement store and bought some ready mix concrete. My grandfather-in-law had some good sand and he was kind enough to let me have some for the project. I got the post hole diggers out and decided I was going to dig the holes 24" deep. On the first fence post I used sand to fill up the hole. I tamped it down best I could and moved on. For the second hole, I threw a little bit of gravel in the bottom of the hole. After putting the second fence post in I then filled it up with ready mix concrete. After a few days I wanted to go out and see the difference in how firm each of them were. I noticed that I was able to move around the fence post that had the sand around it. It was not solid at all. The fence post with the concrete and gravel was much different. It was solid and I couldn't budge it at all.

Like the research I found, we have several different ways of building our lives. Some want to build theirs around material things or other things of this world. These material things are like the sand. They may sustain you for a bit, but they will not hold against storms. We are taught in Luke 6:48 that we need to dig deep so that we know and build our foundation on the solid rock which is Jesus Christ. When we dig deep into the word and build our faith around Jesus WE WILL STAND FIRM!

PRAYER: Each day may we dig deep into God's Word so that we will be able to build our faith around the firm foundation of Jesus Christ.