

Matthew 7:24-29

The wise and foolish builders

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.'

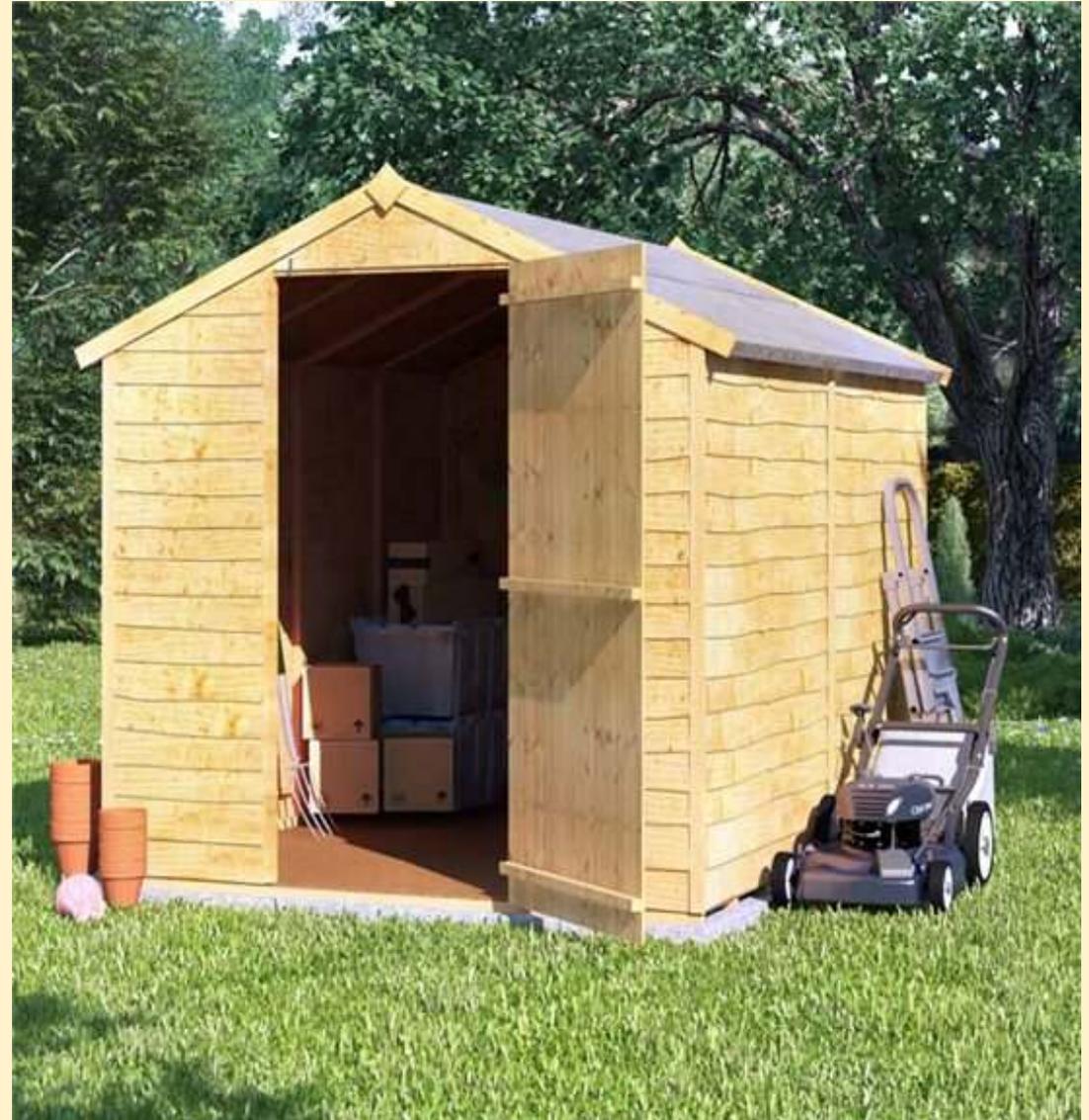
When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

THE SHED

Late summer 2016
Julie says

“Wouldn't it be a
great idea if we had
a shed?”

How difficult can
that be?



- 05/10/16 – Order shed
- 20/10/16 – shed arrives – too small – sent back
- 16/11/16 – Shed No2 arrives – excitement mounts
- 24/11/16 – work commences
- 24/11/16 – work stops! Instructions talk about “a solid and secure base to build the shed on” – who knew that?
- 24/11/16 – March 17 – winter break
- April – August 17 – Greg knows what to do and tries very hard – much to the amusement and frustration of family and friends!

27 August 17

I finally accept
my limitations
and call in the
professionals!





Big Bob knows
what to do!

I make tea and
pass the tools.

The stress took its toll!

Gas & air is great!





I will literally do anything to get out of doing DIY!

21 October 17

Finished !

A thing of great
beauty?



THE FOUNDATIONS
OF OUR FAITH

Hebrews 11:1:

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

Simply put, the biblical definition of faith is “trusting in something you cannot explicitly prove.”

- **Assurance** – We are assured of God’s love for us and that Jesus is his Son – we choose to BELIEVE it.
- **Conviction** – However, the conviction comes when we TRUST in it.

What is it?

You only know
for sure by sitting
on it!



Trusting in something you cannot explicitly prove. That's not easy.

Firm foundations are needed;

They are our 'rock' upon which to build and so to withstand whatever life throws at it.

The framework of my shed has 4 corner legs, cemented into the ground.

Extra legs giving more support.



The 4 corner legs of the framework of the foundations on which we build are faith;

I BELIEVE

I TRUST

I PROMISE

I WILL

I BELIEVE

- A Choice – a confident attitude
- The Creed – it is something we declare out-loud
- Revelation – Peter - upon this Rock I will build my Church
- We acknowledge the GRACE by which we are saved

I TRUST

- Without trust everything is unstable
- We choose to trust that God is all powerful, all loving
- We choose to trust in his promises
- We surrender to God's sovereign will

I PROMISE

- Our relationship with God involves our commitment
- A promise is to declare or assure that we will do something
- Faith isn't passive – it requires our promise of determination and action
- A promise looks forward

I WILL

- An attitude of heart
- A willingness to persevere
- Will is a distinct part of the mind along with reason and understanding. It is the faculty of selection
- The mechanism for choosing

Extra supports – give more strength

PRAYER – our essential relationship builder

THE BIBLE – our knowledge teacher

**THE HOLY SPIRIT – our encourager and
counsellor**

The framework for my shed was topped with lovely decking timber.

The framework for our faith should be covered with the love and encouragement of friends.

What a blessing!

Its my faith, but we are in this together!

I tried to build my shed, just using my own strengths. I needed knowledge, guidance, encouragement, and help.

The love and kindness of friends made the job fun and worthwhile.

It's built on an incredibly strong framework – the foundation that is more important than the building itself.

The foundations of my faith are rock solid – its been built on a framework established and rooted in the fundamentals of my belief in Christ.

Whatever life throws at it, those fundamentals stand firm.

The building may sway or even be damaged but the base is so strong I can always rebuild.

A thing of great
beauty? - Maybe

Built with love on
strong
foundations.



How's your
shed?

