

What We Build Our Lives Upon

This Eucharist draws on the parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders who built their houses on rock and sand respectively and asks what we build our lives upon?

What do we build our lives upon?

Our families?

Our work?

Our community?

Our church?

Our hobbies?

Our health?

The things we buy?

Holidays and travel?

Our football team?

Our computer?

Going out with friends?

Do we build on rock
on values that stand firm
that stand the test of time?

Do we stand alone
or united with others
in a common cause?

Can we weather the storm
as economies collapse
and politics hangs in the balance?

Can we hold out against injustice
and build the foundations
of a fairer, peaceful world?

Do we build on sand
on values that crumble under pressure
and change as fashions come and go?

Do we stand with our community
or leave people to face life's storms
isolated and alone?

Do we start to fall apart
when the going gets rough
and houses are boarded up?

Do we sell out
and opt for an easier, quieter
and more comfortable life?

What do we build our lives upon?

are we like the wise builder
who builds on the solid rock
of Jesus' words and teachings?

What do we build our lives upon?

are we like the foolish builder
who builds on the crumbling sand
ignoring Jesus' words and teachings?

For on the night
when he was betrayed
Jesus did not pack up
and leave the disciples
to their broken dreams
Jesus stood firm
faced the path before him
broke bread and warned the disciples
that this was his body broken
took wine and spelled out
that this was his blood shed
"This is my body, this is my blood".

For on the night
when he was betrayed
Jesus stopped preaching
and in silence
embodied his teachings
and his promises
lived out his beliefs
and prepared to die
for his values
inviting us to journey
to the foot of the cross
and witness love crucified.

[share bread and wine]

What do we build our lives upon
as we witness the stone rolled away
and the bare rock of an empty tomb?
As we try and understand
the dawn of resurrection
and glimpse the possibilities beyond?
What do we build our lives upon
as we listen again to Jesus' stories
and learn from his teachings?
What do we build our lives upon
as buildings crumble
and new horizons dawn?

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life and life in all its fullness".
May we be life and hope and welcome and healing and justice and peace for this community
building on the foundations of the past, our commitment in the present and our dreams of the future.

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