

## 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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