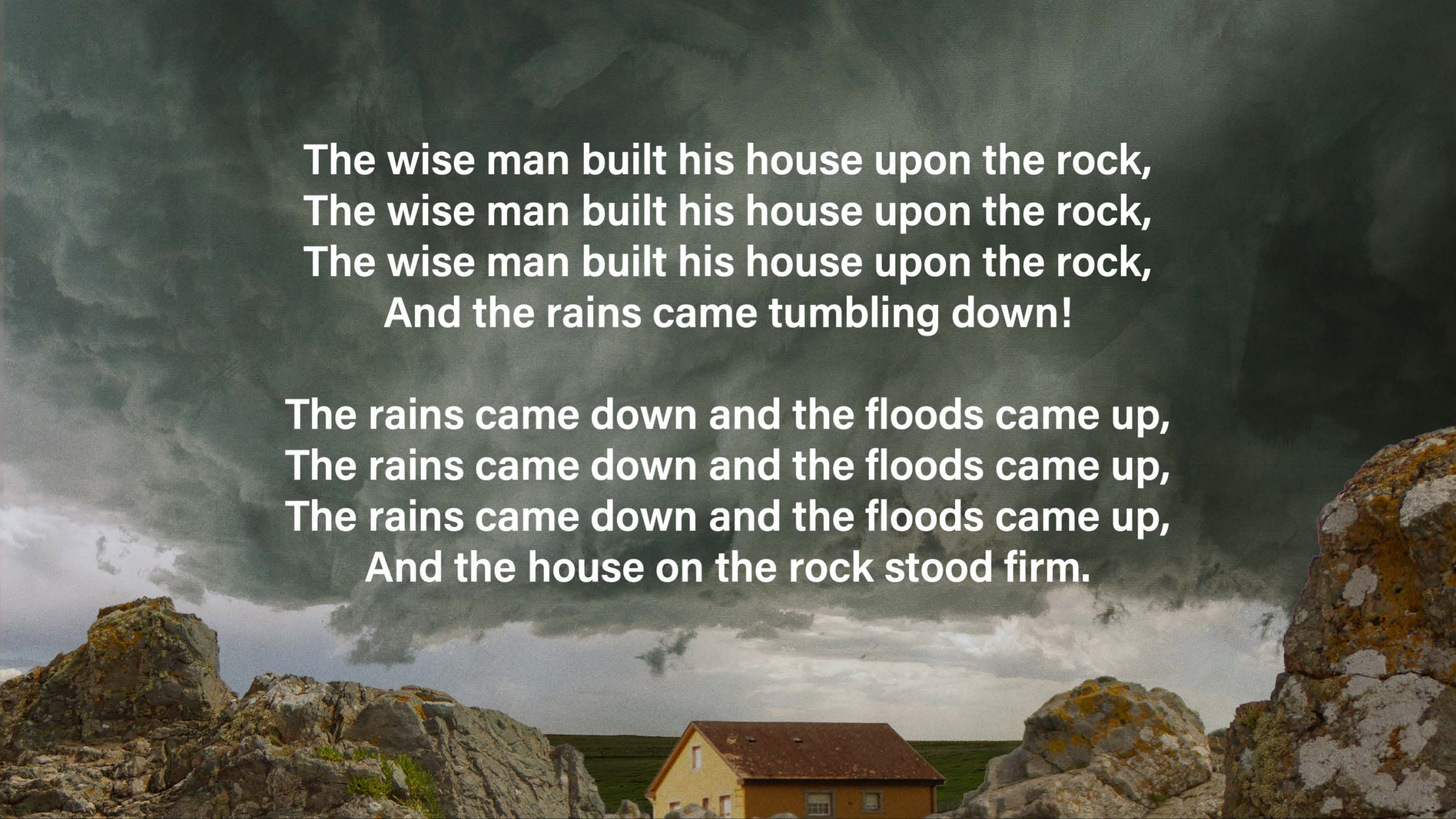
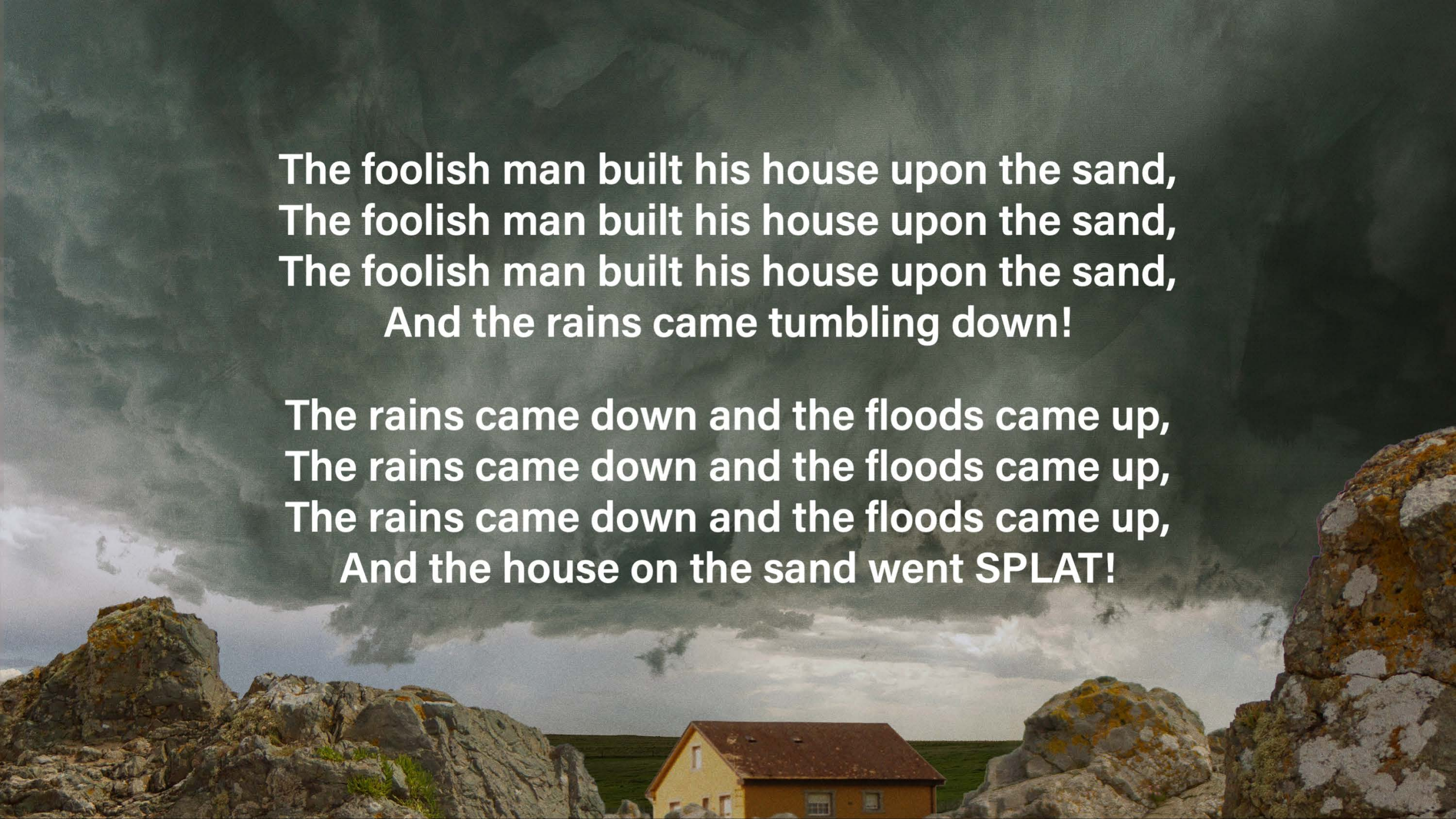
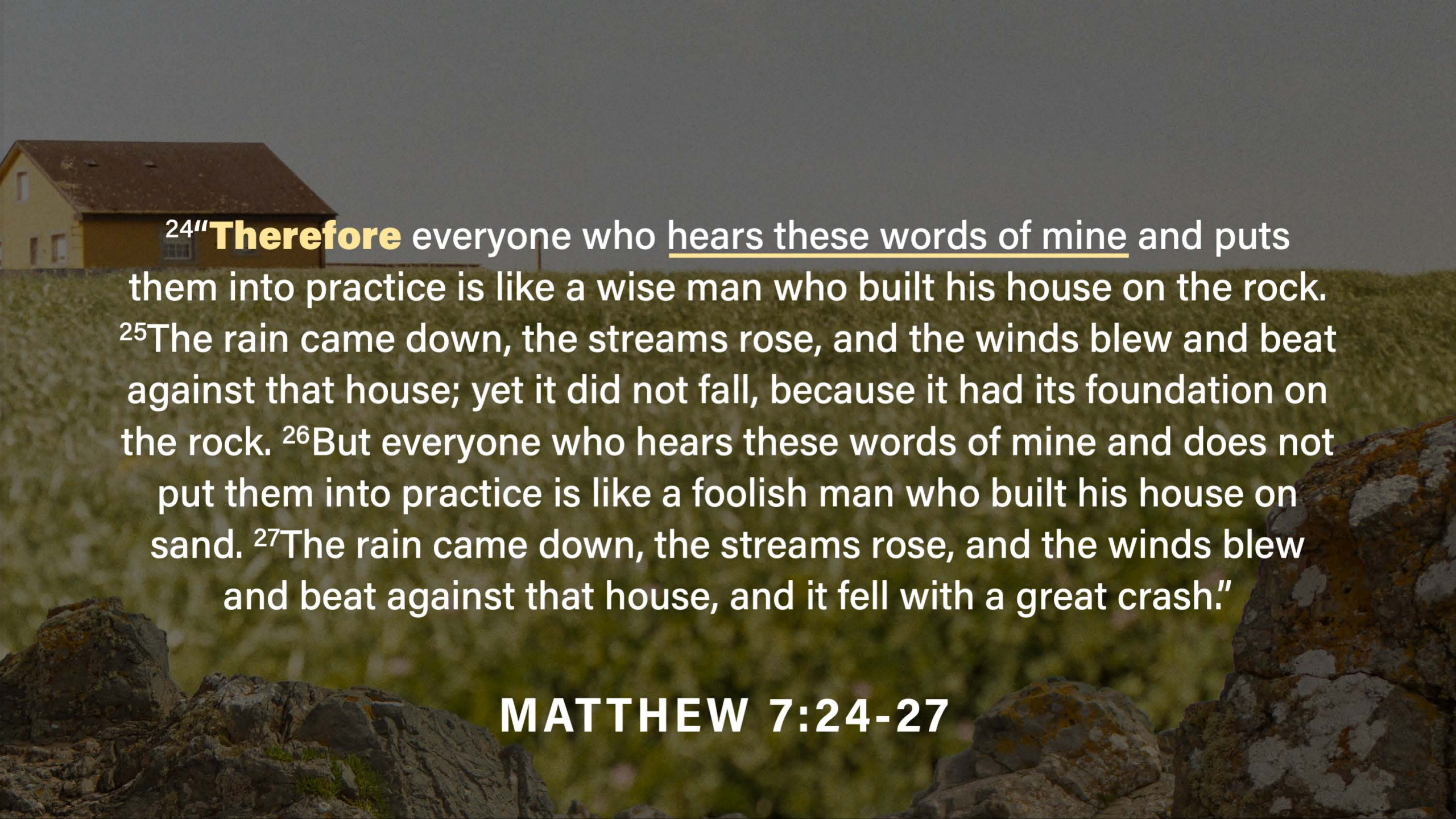

The wise man built his house upon the rock,
The wise man built his house upon the rock,
The wise man built his house upon the rock,
And the rains came tumbling down!
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
And the house on the rock stood firm.


The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
And the rains came tumbling down!
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
And the house on the sand went SPLAT!


WHEN STORMS HIT
MATTHEW 7:24-27



24 “**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.
25 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. 26 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. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew
and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

MATTHEW 7:24-27

LIVING AS CITIZENS OF GOD'S KINGDOM

The Sermon on the Mount | Matthew 5–7

MATTHEW 5

Kingdom character flows from a transformed heart, shaping our attitudes, actions and relationships, rather than mere outward religious observance

MATTHEW 6

Jesus teaches us to pursue God's Kingdom above worldly treasures, live for His approval rather than human recognition, and trust in His provision and care

MATTHEW 7

Jesus calls us to discern wisely, choose God's way, live out His teachings through obedience, and build our lives on a firm foundation

CHARACTER ▪ DEVOTION ▪ OBEDIENCE


Recognize that
storms are inevitable
and sudden

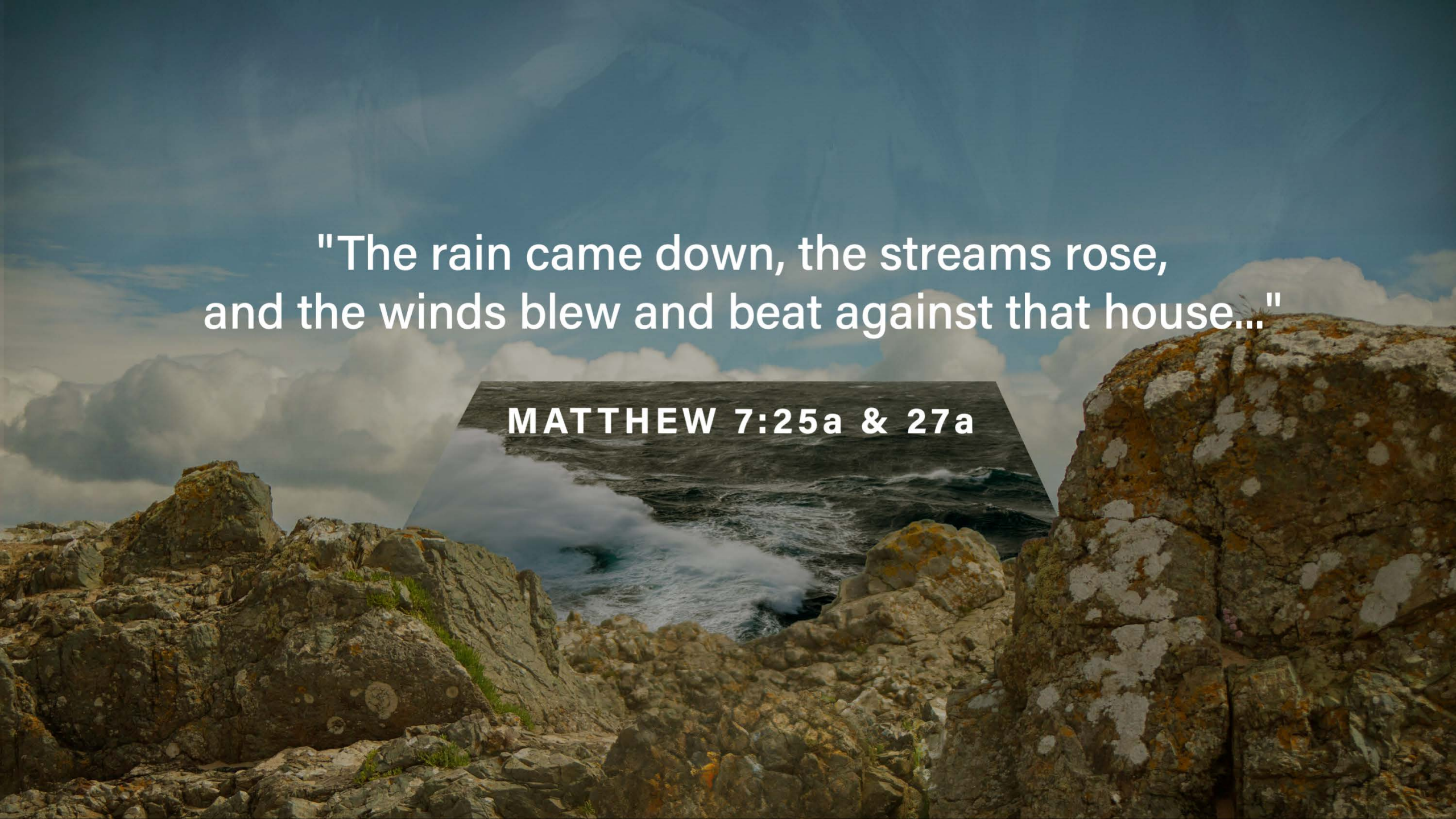

"The rain came down, the streams rose,
and the winds blew and beat against that house..."
MATTHEW 7:25a & 27a


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BUILDING ON THE SAND

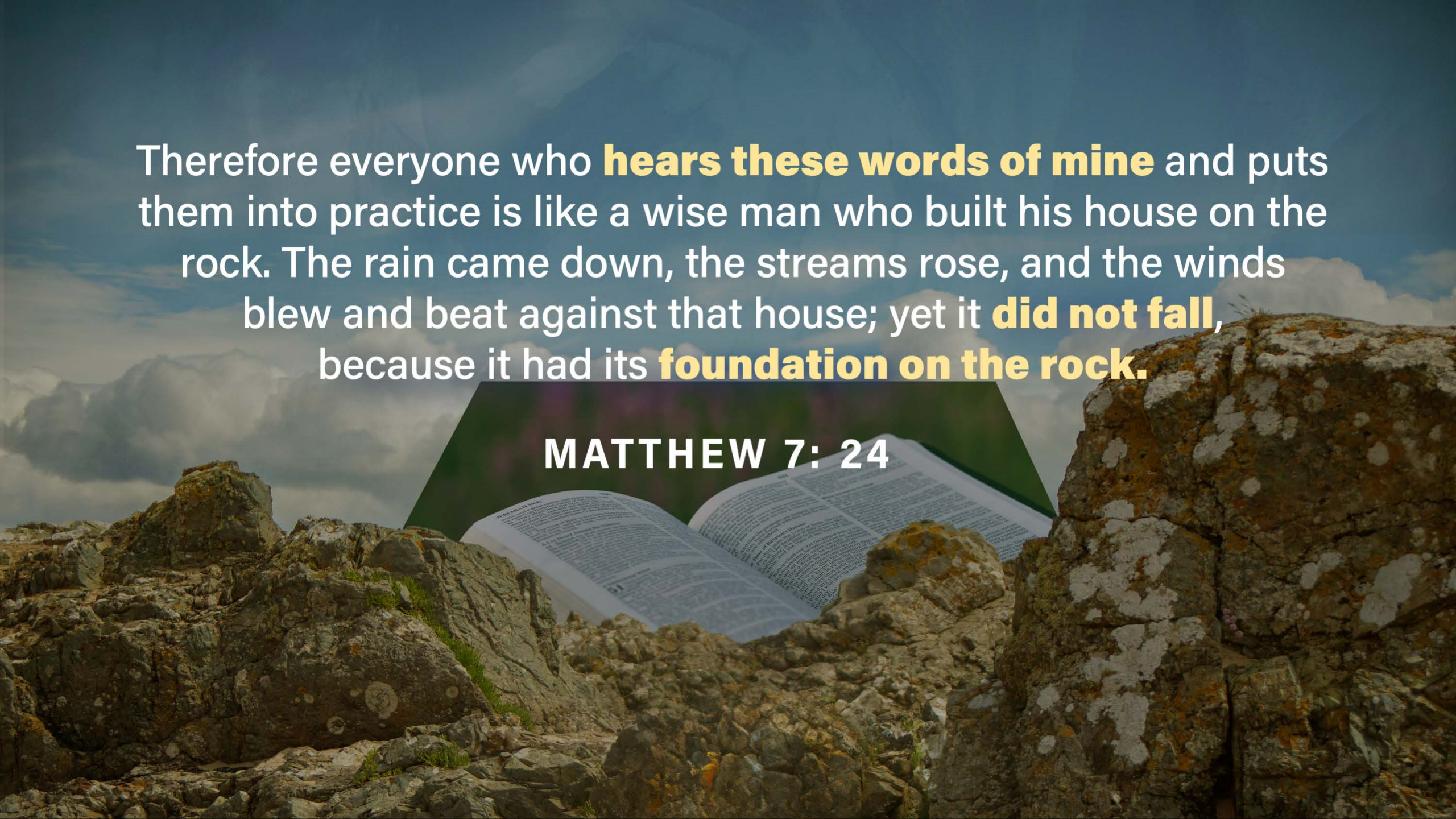
- Wealth and material possessions
- Career and professional success
- Popularity and public approval
- Physical appearance and youth
- Personal comfort and conveniences

Foolishness lies in making these things the foundation of our lives.
They can disappear, change or disappoint us

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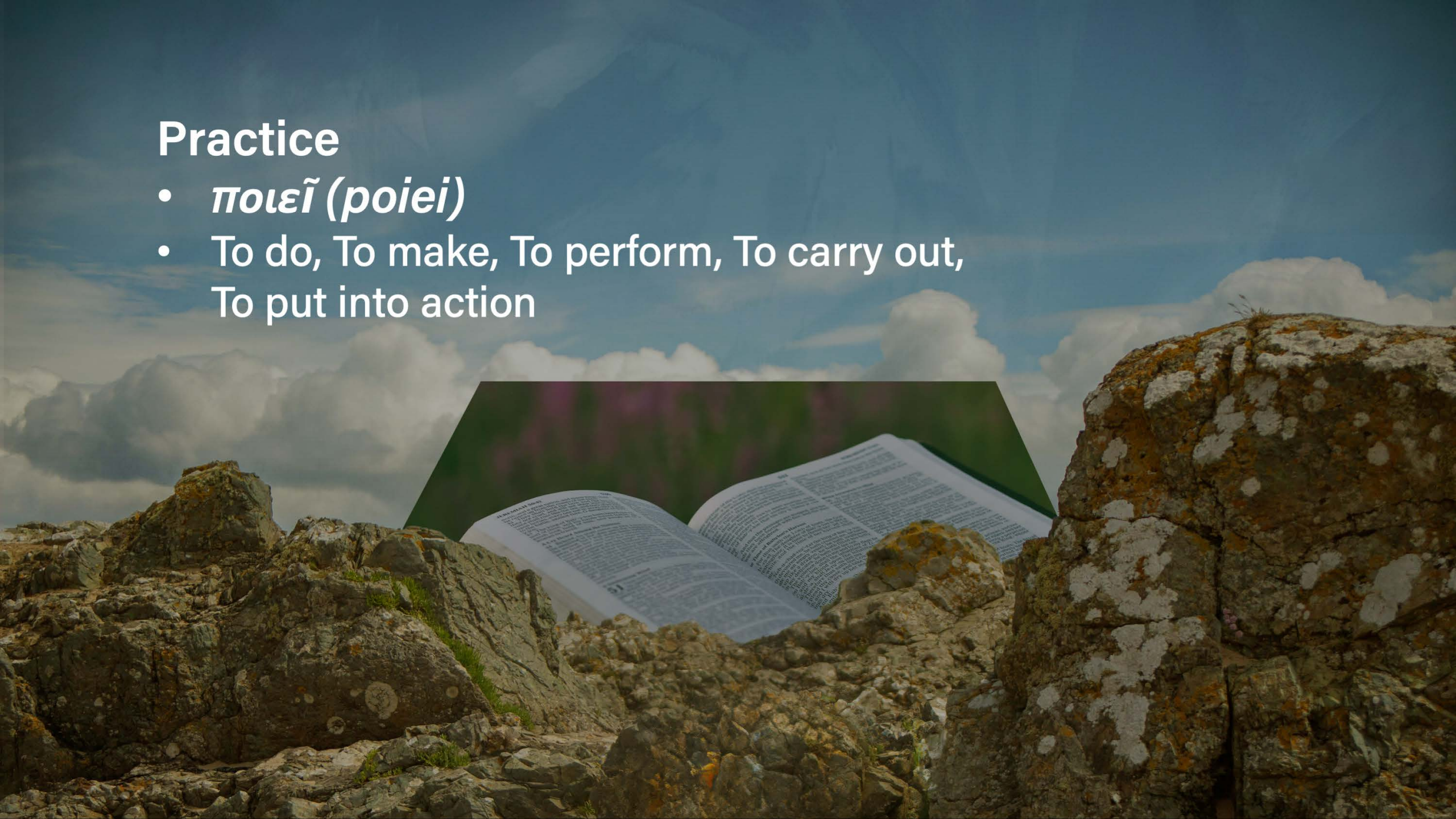

"The rain came down, the streams rose,
and the winds blew and beat against that house..."
MATTHEW 7:25a & 27a
BUILD YOUR LIFE ON THE ROCK


PRACTICE JESUS'
TEACHING BEFORE
THE STORMS COME


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.
MATTHEW 7: 24

Practice

- ***ποιεῖ (poiei)***
- To do, To make, To perform, To carry out, To put into action



- How does one become an accomplished pianist?
- How does one become a proficient martial arts master?
- How do we become more and more like our Master?



ANGER AND RECONCILIATION

21 “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago,
‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be
subject to judgment.’ 22But I tell you that **anyone who is
angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.**
Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is
answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’
will be in danger of the fire of hell.

MATTHEW 5:21-26

ANGER AND RECONCILIATION

23 “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there
remember that your brother or sister has **something against you,**
24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. **First go and be reconciled**
to them; then come and offer your gift.
25 “**Settle matters quickly with your adversary** who is taking you to
court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary
may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to
the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you
will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

MATTHEW 5:21-26

ANGER AND RECONCILIATION

HOW TO PRACTICE MATTHEW 5:21-26?

P – Pause before reacting
A - Acknowledge your feelings
U – Understand the person/situation
S – Seek reconciliation
E – Entrust outcome to God

ANXIETY

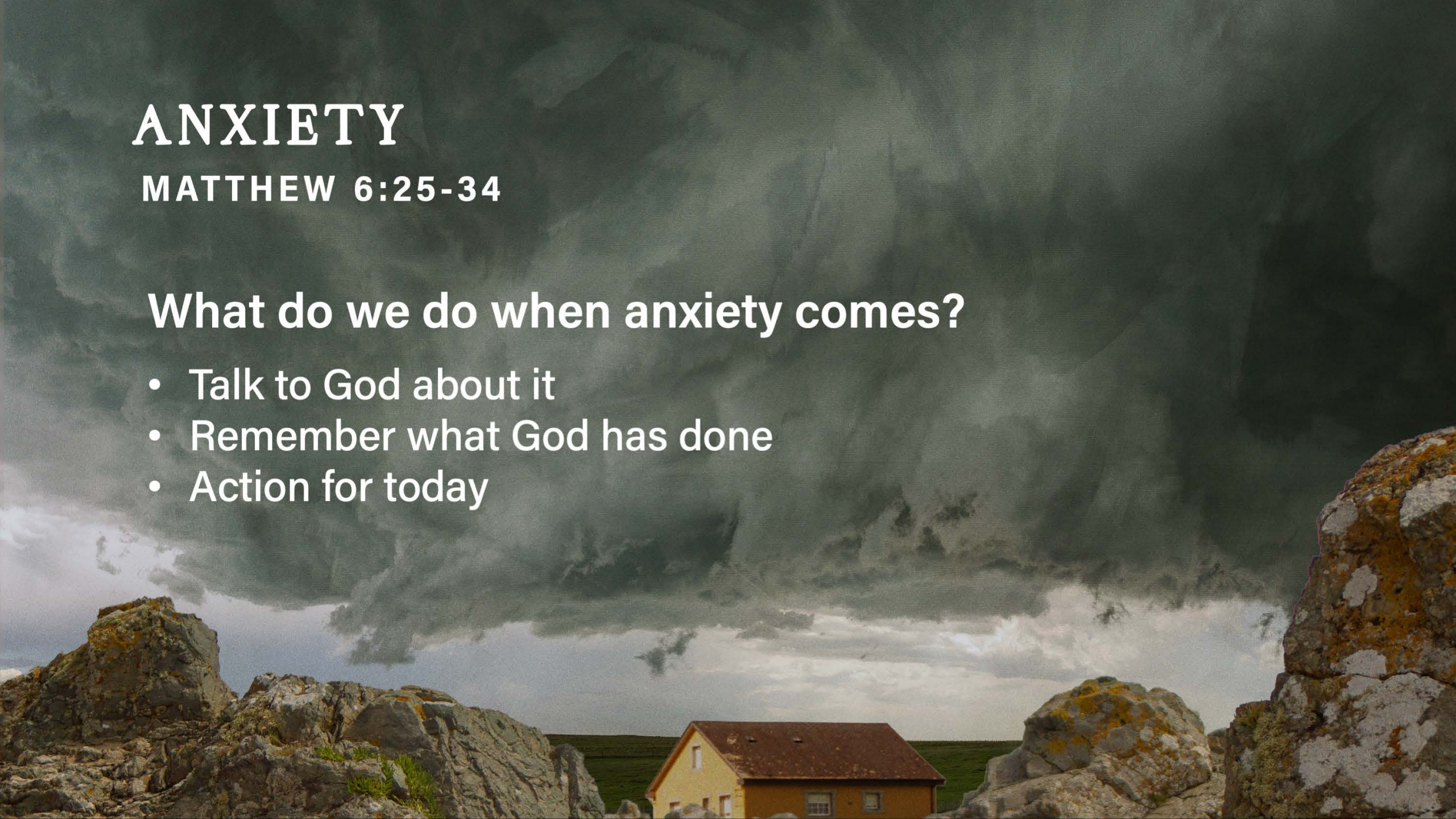
25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will
eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life
more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the
birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns,
and **yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not
much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by
worrying add a single hour to your life?**

MATTHEW 6:25-34

ANXIETY

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these... and your heavenly **Father knows that you need them**. 33But **seek first His Kingdom** and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34Therefore **do not worry** about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

MATTHEW 6:25-34

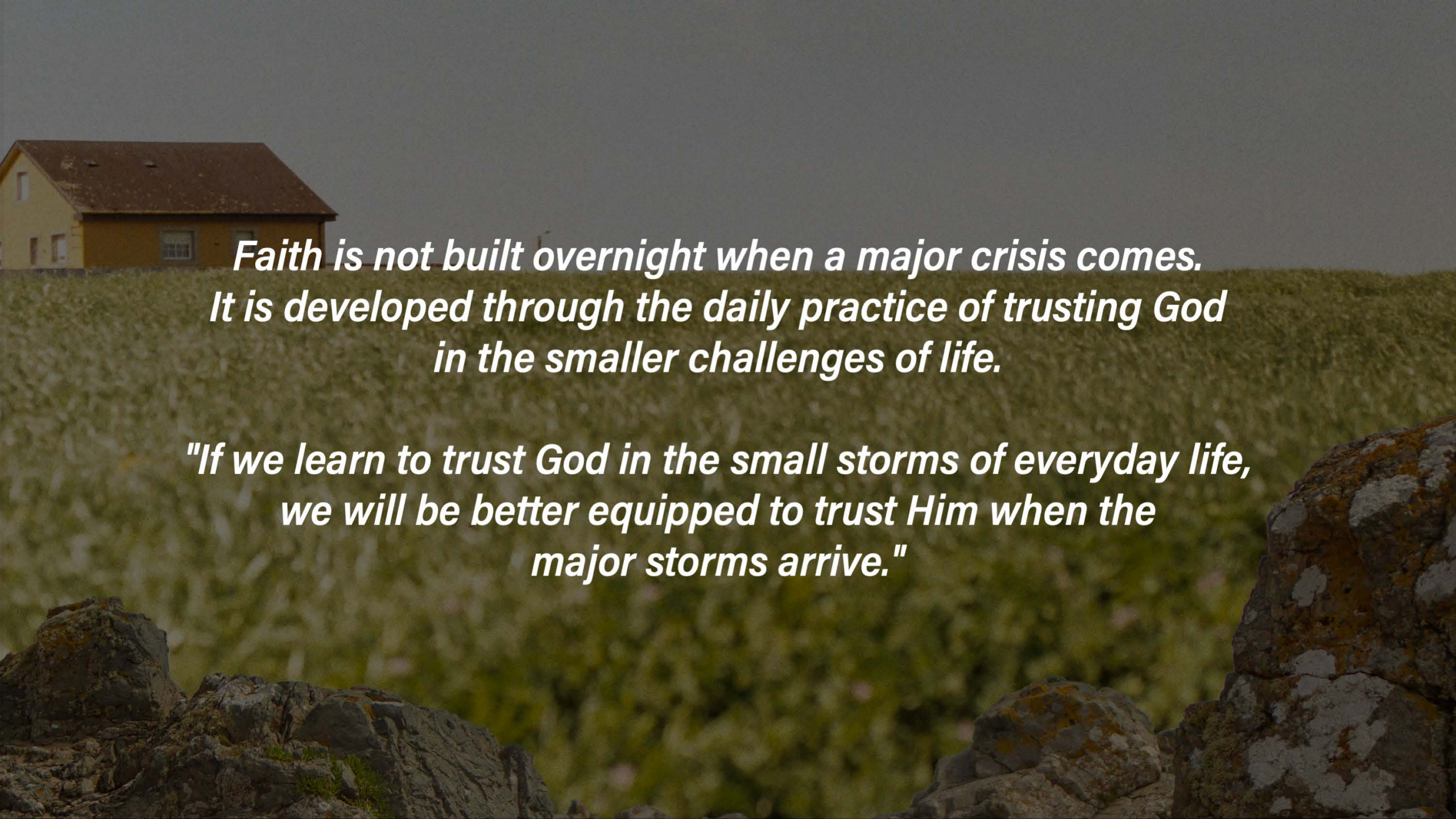


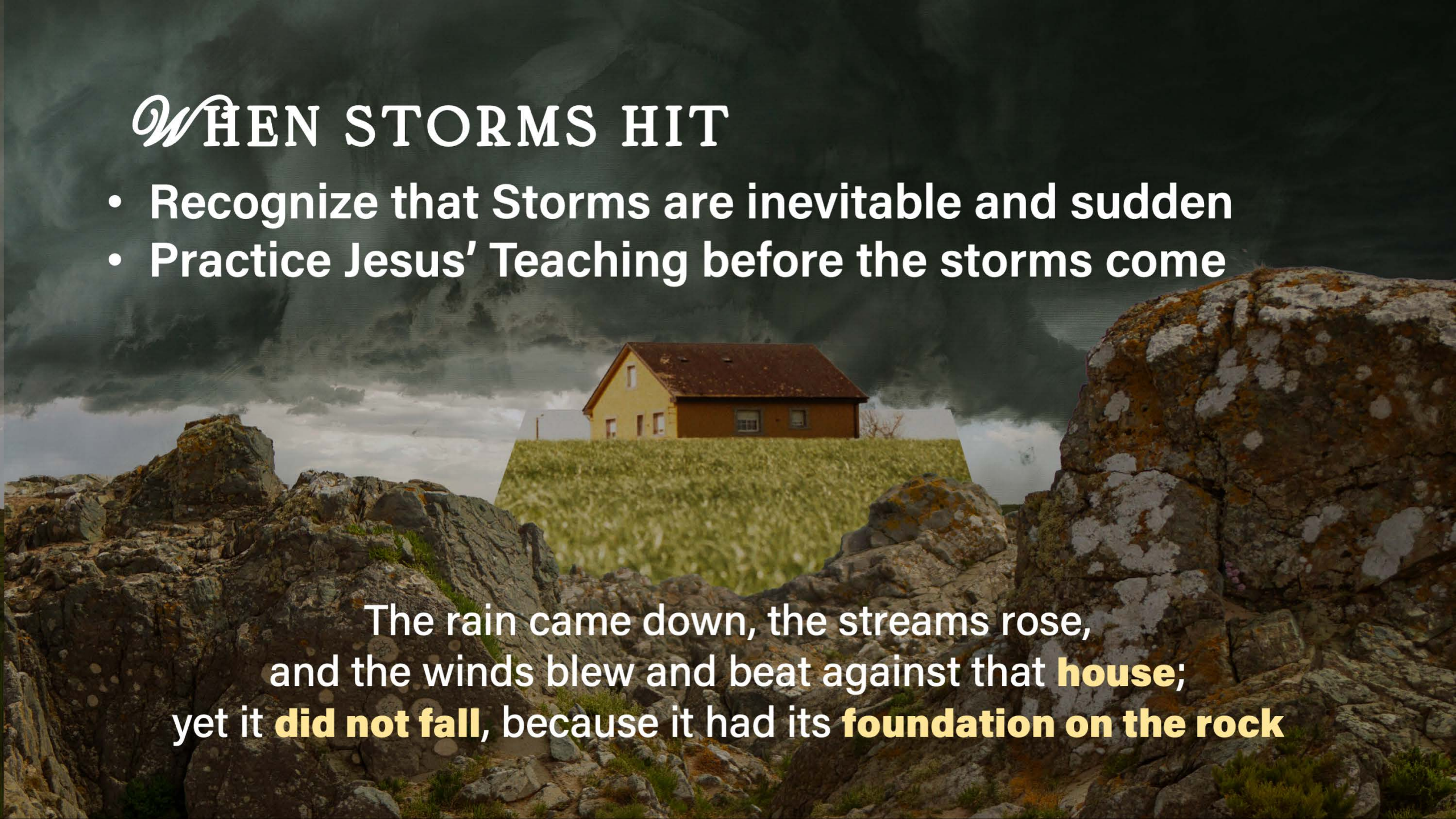
ANXIETY

MATTHEW 6:25-34

What do we do when anxiety comes?

- Talk to God about it
- Remember what God has done
- Action for today


Faith is not built overnight when a major crisis comes.
It is developed through the daily practice of trusting God
in the smaller challenges of life.
"If we learn to trust God in the small storms of everyday life,
we will be better equipped to trust Him when the
major storms arrive."



When Storms Hit

- Recognize that Storms are inevitable and sudden
- Practice Jesus' Teaching before the storms come

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**







Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope