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SANDCASTLES COLLAPSE

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FAKE NEWS

Matthew 7:24-27

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.

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Matthew describes typical storms in the hot, dry climate of the Near Eastern lands: blasting winds and torrential rains that produce sudden rivers where formerly there were dry wadis.

D.A. Hagner, Matthew, p. 191

The alluvial sand ringing the seashore was hard on the surface during the hot summer months. But a wise builder would not be fooled by surface conditions..When the winter rains came, causing the Jordan River pouring into the sea to overflow its banks, houses built on the alluvial sand surface would have an unstable foundation. But houses built on bedrock would be able to withstand the floods.

M. J. Wilkins, Matthew, p. 327

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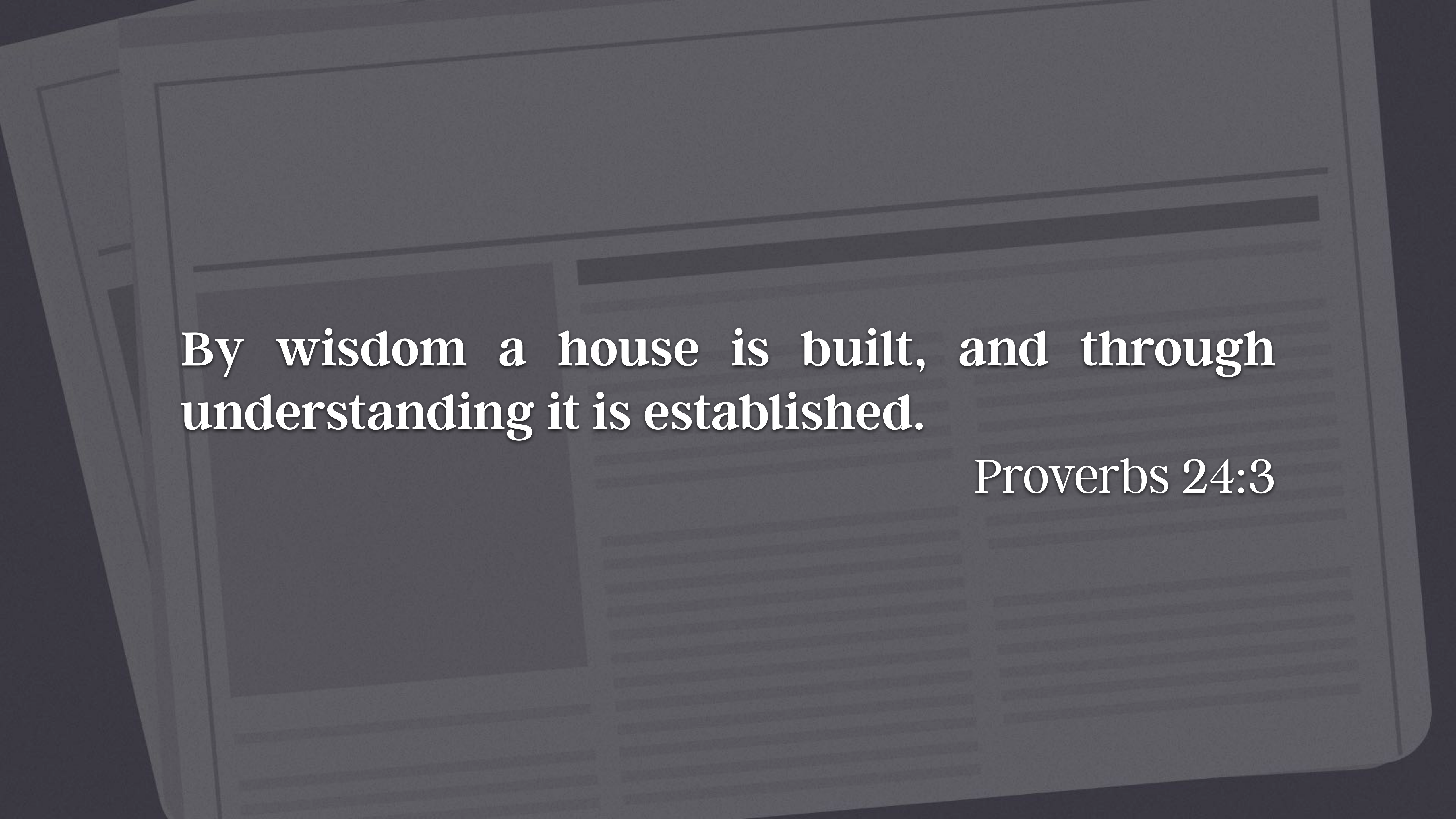
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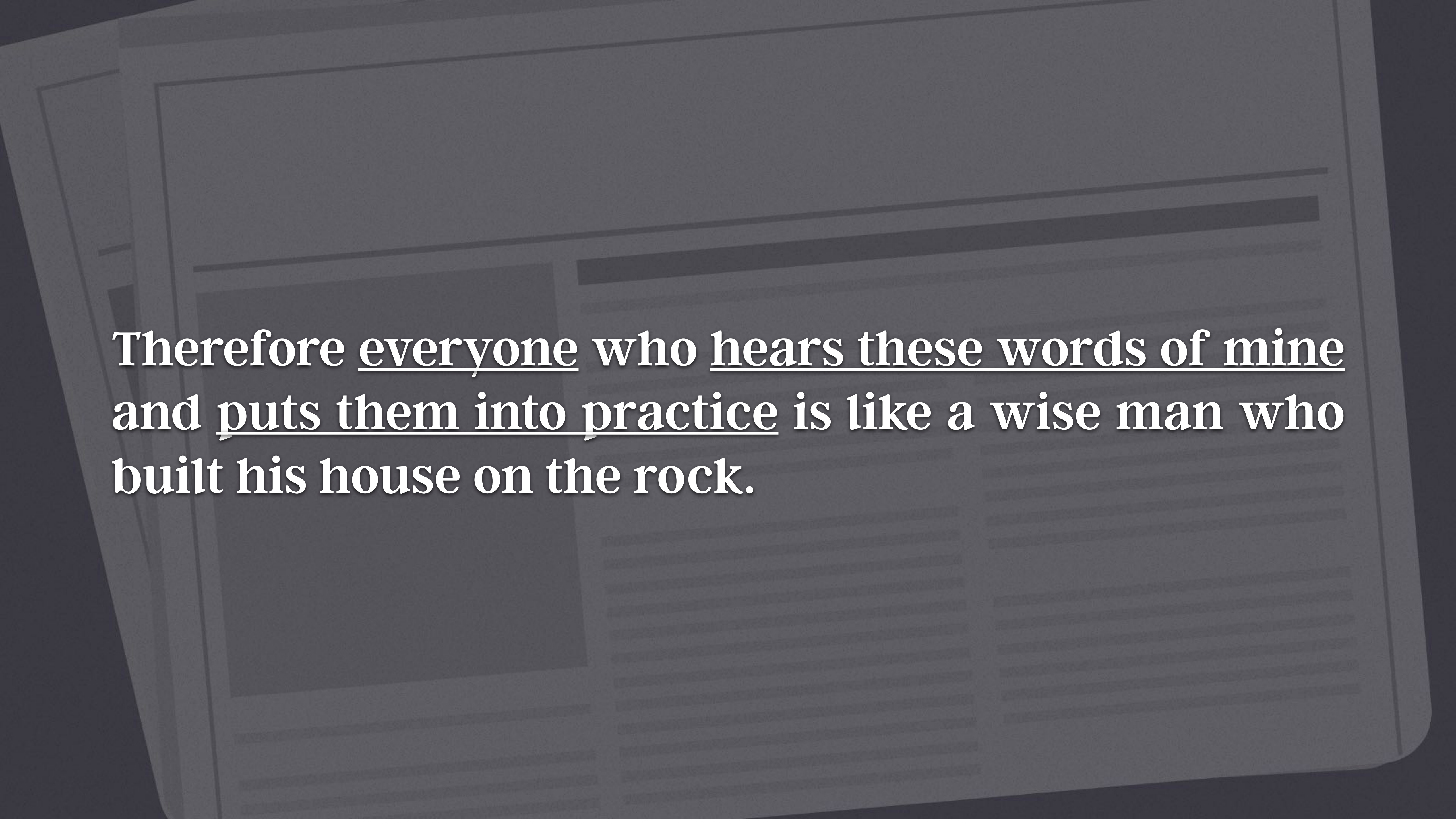


By wisdom a house is built, and through
understanding it is established.

Proverbs 24:3

We are seeing material damages because that is the consequence of totally unreasonable development. Our ancestors knew that for centuries and it took 10 years for us to build everywhere without respect for nature.

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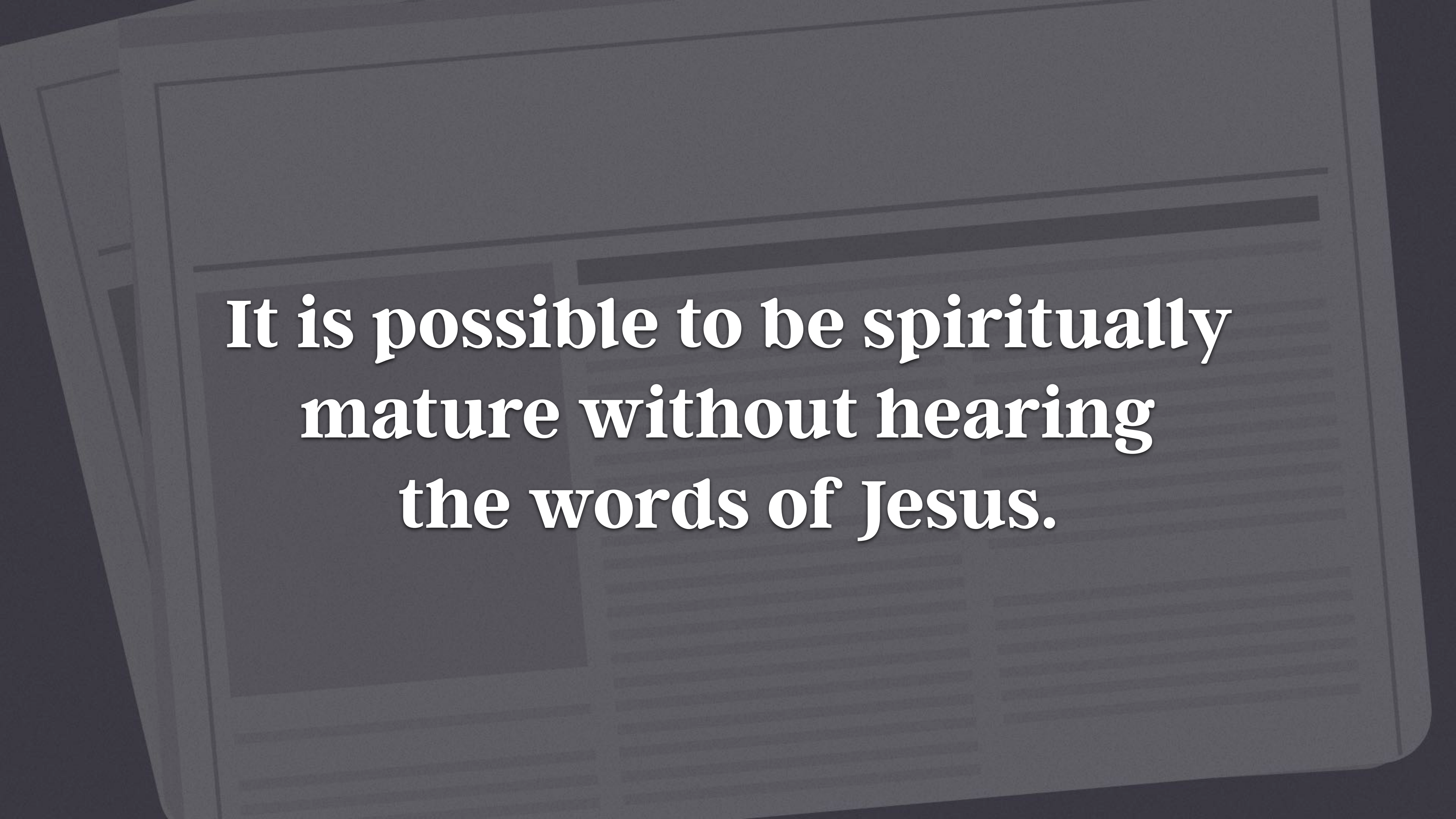
Practice: We are all putting someone's wisdom into practice. Whose?

We build houses in good weather, not bad. Even following Jesus, we get rained on. We lay our foundation before the storms come so that when they come our house is secure.

ROCK

πέτρα *petra*

Cliffs, ledges, or rock, rocks, or rocky or 'bedrock' (cf. Matt. 27:60, Mark 15:46). Used by Jesus to indicate the bedrock upon which the church is built (Matt. 16:18).

The background of the image is a stack of several old, yellowed books. The pages of the books are visible, showing faint, illegible text in a serif font. The books are stacked in a way that creates a sense of depth and texture. The overall color palette is warm and aged, with various shades of yellow, tan, and brown.

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While we'd never dream of building in the sand dunes, it's easy to build in the wadis. Forewarned is forearmed: what appears sure and stable on the surface is unfit for the coming waters. When the waters come, will you remain standing?

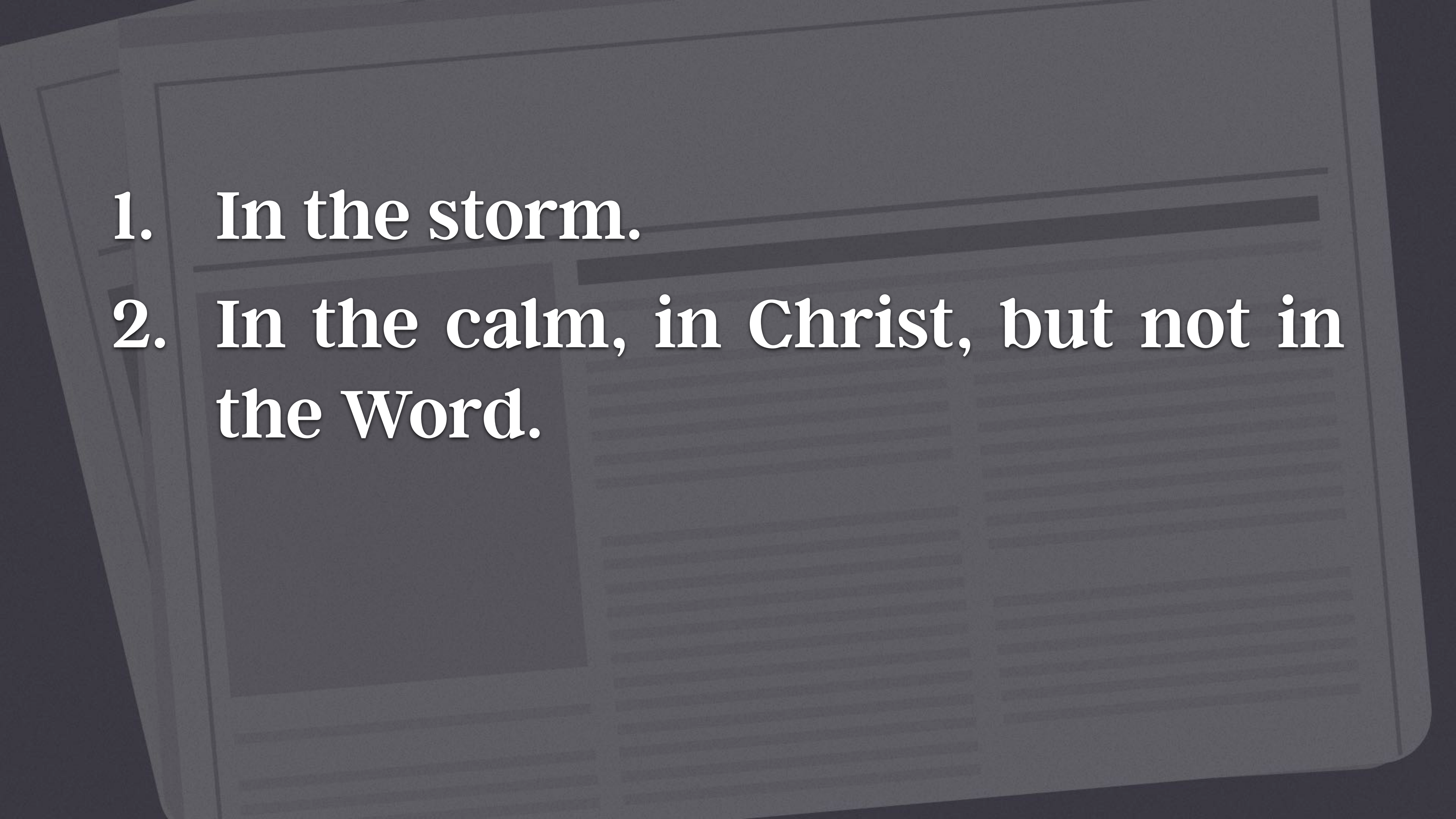
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