



*Advent Reflection – Thursday, December 5, 2019
The Two Foundations*

Matthew 7: 24 “Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. 25 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. 26 And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. 27 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined.”

It is quite easy for us to identify with these words from Matthew. Isn't it interesting how similar our direction is with the young men we serve or even our own children? If they listen, all is well, if they don't a collapse is imminent? But don't we sometimes want to see them face such an outcome so they will learn from their mistakes and become stronger and wiser? Weren't we once in this same position as young people facing adversity and not making the best or wisest choice for the outcome we so desired? The Lord seems to always offer such guidance if we are willing to listen, accept, and respond appropriately. We just have to commit to ourselves to fully listen and process what we are hearing before acting on it. Yes, easier said than done, but if we recognize the opportunity, we will be rewarded with the benefit.

This advent season can be a true testament to the art of listening before taking that next step. Your family and friends will enjoy the merits, and so will you, for putting in such an effort. I pray for God's blessings and peace to each and every member of the St. X work family.

~Mike Littell