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<p>Theme: Building Strong Foundations</p>	<p>Date: 7 September 2012</p>
<p>Scripture:</p> <p>These words I speak to you not mere additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundation words, words to build a life on.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 6:47 (The Message)</p>	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Good marriages don't just happen – it takes time and sometimes struggles to build strong foundations. I expect you have seen a cement mixer working on a building site laying the foundations for a house – sand and cement with water being mixed thoroughly 'churned' together to form a strong foundation. Maybe the parable in our text above could be extended and applied to marriage, the sand and cement representing husband and wife and the water, the Holy Spirit. Perhaps at the moment it might feel like you two are in a cement mixer. Remember, the power of God's Holy Spirit is with you so that firm foundations can be laid in your marriage relationship</p>
<p>Prayer (as a couple):</p> <p>Father we know that when you build you emphasise the importance of foundations, for example of character, patience, courage etc. Please help us to persevere through troubles and suffering so that strong foundations are built in our marriage, which will be able to resist any and all storms that will arise in our life together. Amen</p>	<p>Prayer (for others):</p> <p>Father it appears that and 's relationship is crumbling, please reveal yourself to them and show them that there is hope if they allow you to build some strong and firm foundations. Amen</p>
<p>Final quote:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Let the foundations thereof be strongly laid. Ezra 6:3 Dig deep and build on the rock. Luke 6:48</p>	



Remember others will also be praying in this way this week. Together and with God we can make a difference.

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