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TOPICS: Consecration; Daily Devotion; Faith; Living in Christ

LEAD-IN: 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 7:24-25, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

What Is Real?

We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:18, NIV)

By faith I see that God is truth. He is my final end and perfect happiness. He is perfection itself.

He is the goal of all my thoughts and the object of all my deepest affections. By comparison, the world around me seems no longer real—just fantasies and dreams, quickly fading away. By faith I see God and taste union with Him, and that is what I long for.

On the one hand, I am dazzled by the brightness of the Sun of Righteousness. On the other, my eyes are saddened by my own weakness and inconsistency. Yet I find joy in living in His presence as His humble, unworthy servant.

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