**Introduction to the Rock Classes:**

A building is only as sturdy as its foundation. When constructing a building, the foundation is where a majority of the time is spent. When there are cracks in the foundation, it is only a matter of time before it will become evident.

We live in a hurricane-prone area, and as you know, there are some pretty stringent building codes…and why is that? Because we deal with storms from time to time that will beat against our homes and any building not built to code will suffer damage.

Remember the story of the three little pigs?

Well, Scripture speaks of this principle as well.

**Proverbs‬**

“Fear of the Lord is the **foundation** of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment. Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life. **If you become wise, you will be the one to benefit. If you scorn wisdom, you will be the one to suffer**.”

**Matthew‬**

““Anyone who **listens to my teaching and follows it** is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.””

**Mark‬**

“[Things are hidden temporarily only as a means to revelation.] For there is nothing hidden except to be revealed, nor is anything [temporarily] kept secret except in order that it may be made known. If any man has ears to hear, let him be listening and let him perceive and comprehend. And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. **The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you–and more [besides] will be given to you who hear. For to him who has will more be given; and from him who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away [by force],”**

All three of these scriptures show individual responsibility for growth. It is safe to say that we know as much as we want to know, but I want to encourage us to press in a little deeper. As I heard someone say once, “Nothing is ours until we find it (*or in this case, understand it*).”

So….In the words of King David to his son, King Solomon....

**Proverbs‬**

“Don’t turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you. **Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment.** If you prize wisdom, she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will honor you. She will place a lovely wreath on your head; she will present you with a beautiful crown.””