

## Is Your Life Rocky Ground?

The dirt of a path is tiny rock particles mixed with inorganic matter. However, there are rocks of varying sizes and composition. Both dirt and rocks are useful. The substance of concrete is aggregate, which is crushed rock. Contractors build houses on a foundation of concrete, which is fabricated rock. A house built on a rock will not wash away in a flood (Matthew 7:24-27, NKJV). Beloved, rocky ground in our lives comes from offenses, anger, rejection, bitterness, addictions, and other worldly troubles. We use those disparate aggregates to build strongholds, thinking we are protecting ourselves. We build strongholds for different reasons, but they all have one thing in common. Each stronghold becomes a prison of the builder. The prison has no doors or bars, but the builders cannot get out of it by themselves. The only way out is through Jesus. Allowing him into our lives gives him our permission to tear down the stronghold. He does it from the inside. When we allow Jesus to tear down the stronghold we built, he becomes the rock on which he builds our life (Psalm:18:1-2). Jesus is the only foundation we should have our life built on (1) Corinthians 3:11-15). Therefore, do not deny Jesus' entrance to your life, nor hinder the Holy Spirit to have his way with you (1 John 2:24-27, 4:4-6, Matthew 10:33). Shalom!!

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