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In April 2019 the fires burned in Paris' Notre Dame Cathedral. It was an awesome and fearful sight as this great historical monument was caught up the flames. The world watched in stunned silence. I have been following the restoration efforts ever since. Recently scientists announced a fascinating report concerning the timbers used to construct the roof. Studies of tree rings and DNA indicate the trees were grown in a specially planted forest about one hundred years before they were needed for the roof. The trees were tended so they grew straight and tall. Can you imagine planting trees one hundred years before they were needed! The people who planted and those who tended those trees never saw them cut or placed in the cathedral.

Jesus talked about the house built on sand and the house built on the rock. Luke 6:47-49: 'I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.'