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"Building a Life that Stands in the Midst of a Storm"

Lesson 1 A Firm Foundation

1. First things **FIRST**.

Isaiah 28:16

Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.

Psalms 118:22

The stone *which* the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

Luke 20:17

Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone'?"

Jesus is called the **CORNERSTONE**.

The **cornerstone** (or foundation stone or setting stone) is the **first stone** set in the construction of a masonry **foundation**. It is extremely important since **all other stones** will be set in reference to this stone, thus **determining the position** of the entire structure.

As the Cornerstone, **JESUS** is the "first thing" to building an UNSHAKABLE foundation!

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Matthew 7:24-29.

Challenge: Do you know, that you know, that you know? _____

Cornerstone is laid...Now we ready for the foundation!

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Lesson 2 Laying A Foundation

2. Now that we have placed the **CORNERSTONE** we can lay the **FOUNDATION**.

Matthew 7:24

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:"

Matthew 7:26

But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

I Samuel 15:22

But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

3. Jesus is called the **CORNERSTONE** but the foundation is **OBEDIENCE**. You can be saved, headed toward heaven, and your life can still be **SHAKEN**. You will never be **UNSHAKABLE** as long as you keep disobeying what you know God wants you do.

4. In the building process, we learned the **FOUNDATION** is laid in reference to the **CORNERSTONE**. It is no different in the **SPIRITUAL REALM**.

5. **RIGHT** and **WRONG** are set in reference to **JESUS** and **HIS SACRIFICE**. It is not left to our personal preference or personality. Right and Wrong are set by **JESUS**, the **CORNERSTONE**!

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Challenge: Radical Obedience and Immediate Obedience - _____

Remember: DELAYED OBEDIENCE is really ... DISOBEDIENCE!

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Lesson 3

Who is your builder? What Materials will you build with?

6. The **CORNERSTONE** and **FOUNDATION** are laid, now it is time to choose your **BUILDER!**

Psalm 127:1

Unless the Lord builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it;
Unless the Lord guards the city,
The watchman stays awake in vain.

Exodus 20:25

And if you make Me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stone; for if you use your tool on it, you have profaned it.

7. One of the **MOST IMPORTANT** decisions you will make when building a home, is what **BUILDER** you will use.

8. You have to decided, will you let **JESUS BE THE BUILDER** or are you going to make Him a **HANDYMAN** in your life.

9. Just like the **3 LITTLE PIGS** you will have to decide what your home is built with and when the **BIG BAD WOLF** comes to **BLOW YOU HOUSE DOWN**...what you chose will be pretty important!

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FAITH vs. NEGATIVITY

LOVE vs. PRIDE

PROCLAMATIONS vs. FACTS

THE WORD OF GOD vs. YOUR EXPERIENCE

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Lesson 4

Attacked from **WITHIN**

10. We have learned to fight the **OUTSIDE FORCES** that beat against your house but what about those things that come from the **INSIDE OUT**?

Mark 3:25

If a house is **DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF**, that house **CANNOT STAND**.

11. One of the **DEVIL'S TACTIC** is to **DIVIDE AND CONQUER**.

- a. accepted by the world
- b. be alert...this comes in friendly forms
- c. will take sacrifice and determination to fight
- d. will have to be priority over being right

Psalms 1:1

Blessed is the man that **WALKS NOT** in the counsel of the **UNGODLY**, nor **STANDS** in the way of **SINNERS**, nor **SITS** in the seat of the **SCORNFUL**.

12. Watch out for **SPIRITUAL TERMITES**!

- a. What have you done for me lately?
- b. It's not fair!
- c. It's not my fault!
- d. What about me?
- e. Too Busy for prayer?
 - i. A family that prays together...stays together.
- f. Church not a priority?
 - i. Your kids take on your priorities!
- g. Influences, Influences, Influences! Watch Out!

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Lesson 5

People need to be **BUILT UP**, too!

13. We have chosen our **CORNERSTONE**, built on the right **FOUNDATION**, chosen the **LORD** to be our **BUILDER**, exterminated any **SPIRITUAL TERMITES**, now what?

I Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore **ENCOURAGE** one another and **BUILD UP** one another, just as you also are doing.

14. Isn't it **IRONIC** that we are so **COMFORTABLE** to **TEAR DOWN** and **HURT** the ones we **LOVE** the most!

- a. The **BIGGEST LIE** we are taught as children.
- b. You **WORDS MATTER!**
- c. The **FINE CHINA!**
- d. What is your **WALLET** full of?

Hebrews 10:24

²⁴And let us **CONSIDER** one another in order to **STIR UP** love and good works,

15. Don't just **WATCH** what you **SAY** but **SAY** what you **SHOULD!**

- a. If we **REAP** what we **SOW**...than why not **SOW GOOD SEED** into our house hold.
- b. Do you sow **NEGATIVITY** or does your words create **GREATER FAITH?**
- c. Do you **SPEAK LIFE** into others or are **YOU** your only **SUBJECT CONTENT.**
- d. **THINK** of **OTHERS.**

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Lesson 6 Building An Altar

16. We have chosen our **CORNERSTONE**, built on the right **FOUNDATION**, chosen the **LORD** to be our **BUILDER**, exterminated any **SPIRITUAL TERMITES**, **BUILT UP** one another in our home, and now...we build an **ALTAR**.

Deuteronomy 27:6

Build the **ALTAR** of **UNCUT STONES** and use it to offer burnt offerings to the Lord your God.

a. **UNCUT STONES.** What does that mean?

b. Do we still offer **SACRIFICES**? _____

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your **BODIES** as a **LIVING SACRIFICE**, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper **WORSHIP**.

17. Our **LIFE** is a **LIVING SACRIFICE**.

Philippians 4:18

I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the **GIFTS** you sent. They are a **FRAGRANT OFFERING**, an acceptable **SACRIFICE**, **PLEASING** to God.

18. Our **GIVING** to need is a **FRAGRANT OFFERING** and **ACCEPTABLE SACRIFICE**.

Hebrews 13:15

Therefore by Him let us continually **OFFER** the **SACRIFICE** of **PRAISE** to God, that is, the **FRUIT OF OUR LIPS**, **GIVING THANKS** to His **NAME**.

19. Our family both **VERBALLY** and **NON-VERBALLY** should be a **SACRIFICE** of **PRAISE** to **GOD**!

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Lesson 7

Jesus builds an invincible life!

20. Read **Matthew 16:13-20**

a. What did Jesus ask? _____

b. What did Peter say? _____

21. **BLESSED** are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for **FLESH** and **BLOOD** has not revealed this to you, but My **FATHER** which is in Heaven! **Matthew 16:17**

a. An **UNSHAKABLE LIFE** is not built with the **TOOLS OR BLUEPRINTS** of the world! You must hear the **VOICE** of **GOD**.

Read Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Read Jeremiah 20:13

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

SEEKING is the **KEY** to **OPEN** the **DOOR** to an unshakable life!

One of **TOP TEN** destructive force in the **FAMILY UNIT** today is **DESTRUCTION!**

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

¹⁴ So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not ^[g]prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth ^[h]will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

²⁰ Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

Matthew 16:13-20

DESTRUCTION is not only hurting the **RELATIONSHIPS** in our **FAMILIES** but it is keeping us from **HEARING GOD!**

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Lesson 8

CONQUERING FEAR

22. **READ Genesis 3: 8-10**

- a. **FEAR** entered the world through **SIN**.
- b. This **FEAR** causes us to **HIDE** from **GOD**.
- c. It **DESTROYS** our **COMMUNICATION** with **GOD**

23. **READ Romans 5:12-21**

- a. With **ONE MAN, ADAM SIN** entered the world
but with **ONE MAN, JESUS** we are **REDEEMED!**

24. Read **2 TIMOTHY 1:7**

For **GOD** has not given us a **SPIRIT** of **FEAR**,
but of **POWER** and of **LOVE** and of a **SOUND MIND**.

- a. FEAR IS A **SPIRIT**.
- b. GOD GAVE US A SPIRIT OF **POWER, LOVE, AND A SOUND MIND**.

25. **1 JOHN 4:18**

- a. There is **NO FEAR** in **LOVE**;
but **PERFECT LOVE** casts out **FEAR**,
because **FEAR** involves torment. But he
who **FEARS** has not been
made **PERFECT** in **LOVE**.

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was ^[a]pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves ^[b]coverings.

⁸ And they heard the ^[c]sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the ^[d]cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

⁹ Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

GENESIS 3:8-10

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Lesson 9

Walking Through Fiery Trials

26. There will be **TRIBULATION** and **TRIALS**
a. These things I (Jesus) have spoken to you, that in Me you may have **PEACE**. In the world you ^[a]will have **TRIBULATION**; but be of good cheer, I have **OVERCOME** the world."
John 16:33

27. You may not be **DELIVERED FROM** the fiery furnace but you will be **DELIVERED IN** the fiery furnace.

28. You will **NOT** be **ALONE!**

29. You can come through a trial **UNTOUCHED.**
a. fire had **NO POWER**
b. the hair of their head was **NOT SINGED**
c. nor were their **GARMENTS** affected
d. the **SMELL OF FIRE** was not on them.

30. Your stand with **CHANGE THE LIVES** **OTHERS** and there might even be a **PROMOTION** coming!

¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. ²⁰ And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, *and* cast *them* into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹ Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. ²² Therefore, because the king's command was ^[c]urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. ²³ And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste *and* spoke, saying to his ^[d]counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king."

²⁵ "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the ^[e]Son of God."