BUILT TO LAST

with Miguel Garrick

Built to Last Session 1: Built to Last

Key Scriptures

Matthew 7:24-27

Opening Remarks:

Jesus' parable of the man who built his house on the sand and the man who built on the rock is sometimes reduced to a children's Sunday school story. But the lesson is essential for all people to grasp. Nothing will be more important for success in our lives than establishing a sure foundation.

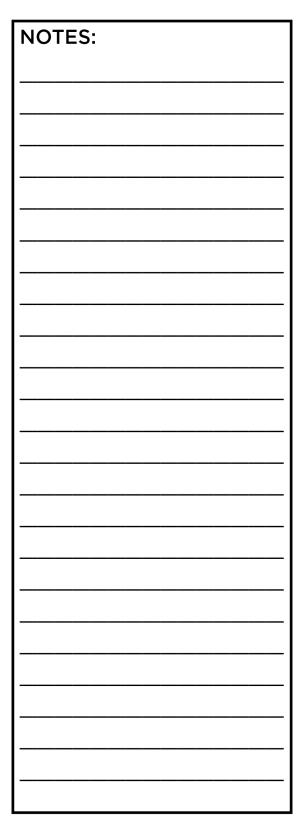
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Questions:

- 1. Have you ever seen a building project that had an unstable foundation? What happened?
- 2. If you were to evaluate your life, how stable do you feel your foundation is?
- 3. If sand could appear as rock in Bible times, it suggests even today we could assume we've built our lives on something dependable and yet be caught off-guard in a sudden trial. What are ways we can periodically check the strength of our life's foundation?

Closing Remarks:

One of the ways we can be sure our lives is built on the rock of Jesus is to be sure we're both a hearer and a doer of the Word of God. Let's close today with prayer, asking God to speak to us afresh from the Bible in our time of devotion with Him this week. As we seek God through prayer and the reading of His Word, let's trust Him to show us any areas of our lives we should shore up to stand strong.



Built to Last Session 2: A Firm Foundation

Key Scriptures:

Matthew 6:33

Opening Remarks:

The foundation of our lives must be Jesus Christ. Nothing else in our lives will fit correctly if we don't have Him as our foundation before anything else.

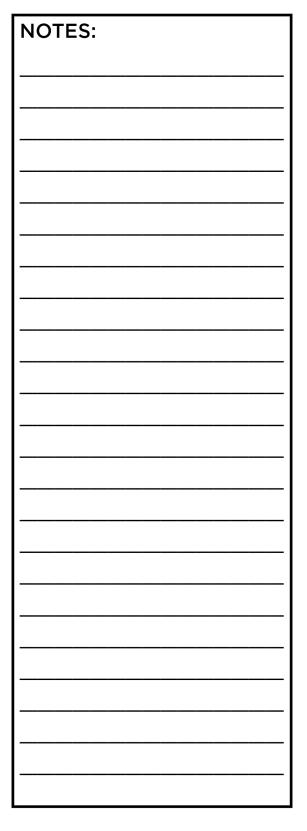
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Discussion Questions:

- 1. What is your first memory of encountering Jesus?
- 2. If you were telling a brand-new Christian how to establish their lives with Jesus Christ as their foundation, what would you say? How could you apply that advice to your life today?
- 3. What does it look like in your life to seek first the Kingdom of God?

Closing Remarks:

Seeking God and His Kingdom first implies other things have to become secondary. Now is a great time to take inventory of our lives. This week let's evaluate our calendars and our bank accounts—measurements that tell us where our priorities are. We'll build lives to last as we ensure everything we value is aligned with our primary commitment to Jesus Christ.



Built to Last Session 3: Fitly Framed

Key Scriptures:

Ephesians 4:16

Opening Remarks:

Not only does Scripture compare an individual life to a building, it also compares the entire church body to a building. That building is knit together perfectly to help one another—the beauty of the body of Christ.

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Discussion Questions:

- 1. How have others in the body of Christ helped you?
- 2. What do you think your purpose is in the body of Christ?
- 3. How can we contribute to the unity that helps the building, or the body of Christ, work together?

Closing Remarks:

God has good plans for us. As we build our individual lives on Him and then come together as a united church, He can use us to make a difference in our world.

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Built to Last Session 4: Fully Furnished

Key Scripture:

Colossians 2:6-7

Opening Remarks:

Besides having a sound foundation and being fitly framed, we must be fully furnished. That means in our lives that we should stay filled with and renewed by the Holy Ghost.

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Discussion Questions:

- 1. Have you ever picked out furniture for a new room or building? What made you pick the items you did?
- 2. We accumulate a lot of "furniture" in our lives hobbies, relationships, and responsibilities that consume us. What furniture do you have in your life and why?
- 3. Since God is the most important thing we should furnish our lives with, what are some ways you can ensure you stay filled with the Holy Ghost?

Closing Remarks:

Just as the presence of God filled the Tabernacle and Temple in Bible times, we want the Spirit of God to fill our lives at all times. We will continue to nurture an environment for His Spirit to dwell in us so our lives will be built to last.

