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WARM UP

Do you have any hidden talents? Please share them with the group.

WORD

Read [1 Corinthians 3:10-15](#)

There's nothing glamorous about building the foundation of a building. However, there is also nothing more essential in a building than its foundation. The Bible is full of examples where foundations of buildings and lives are tested. Some withstand, while others cause great scenes as they come falling down. Let's look at what it takes to build a life that will stand the test.

NOTES

1 TAKE CARE

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder, I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it.

[1 Corinthians 3:10](#) (ESV)

Joey Bonifacio, in his book, *The Lego® Principle*, highlights just how important it is to take care in how you build your life. He states that slow is fast. To take heed as to how you build your life on the grace of God and by being meticulous about your building is so vital.

- What does it mean to you when Paul writes, “Let each one take care how he builds upon it”? How can this be applied in your life?

2 TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

¹¹For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

[1 Corinthians 3:11](#) (ESV)

We must all take responsibility for how we build our lives with an eternal perspective, building on the relationship that we have with Jesus. If we have the foundation of our life built on anything but God, we may as well brace ourselves for the crash and calamity that ensues. It's with Christ that we are able to withstand the crash. As much as others can help you grow in God, no-one else can take responsibility for the *establishment* of your foundations in Christ.

- What foundation have you built your life on? How has it affected the way you live your life every day?

3 TAKE THE HIT

²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

[Matthew 7:24-27](#) (ESV)

- Have you experienced storms in your life in the form of trials and hard times?
- How have you been able to stand in times of pressure in life? If not, would you like to?

PRAYER

- When it comes to trials, pray for faith to trust God wholeheartedly. Pray for a bold faith that will trust Him even when it may not make sense.
- If you are a follower of Christ, pray that God would show you how to be a light to those around you.
- Pray for one another, especially for those who may be experiencing storms in their lives, that God would show up and show Himself strong in each situation and trial.