

Sermon Notes *by Pastor Jamie Tonge*



Building on the rock. My God given, building blocks.

Matthew 16:18 ---upon this rock (pet-ra) I will build my Church.

1 Corinthians 3: 10-15. ---if any man builds upon this rock using—

Jesus Christ is the only rock on which we should build. The word used here is pet-ra meaning: large, solid, unmoveable, not pet-ros meaning a piece of rock.

1 Peter 2:5 tells us we are living stones.

1 Peter 2:9 tells us we are a chosen people

So we are both living stones and chosen living stones. The foundation upon which we build is Christ. He is the solid rock which can not be moved, the true corner stone.

2 Peter 2:6 : Is 28:16.

He is worthy of our trust, He can be completely relied upon.

1 Our unique building blocks.

- ❖ **1Cor 3:12** is obviously symbolic of things in our life how do we know what they are? Each day we build something whether we know it or not. Every day is part of our God given life and we build something. It may be of great value or it may be rubbish, as Paul puts it “wood or straw, gold or silver”, we have a choice.
- ❖ You are a unique person, no one is like you. Physically, personality, your family, abilities, talents, life experiences, opportunities, challenges around you, the time in history you live, the place you live and the people around you, etc. These are the materials out of which we build our life. No one other than you fits your mould.

Gods plan for your life is unique.

- ❖ We each have the right material to fulfil the plan God has for our life. Every thing you need is there. **Matt 25:14**, in this parable of the talents, Jesus shows us that it’s not how much you have, but what you do with it.
 - All were different.
 - All were expected to use what they had.
 - The one with two was not expected to have made ten.
 - The sin was faithlessness not failure.

Your life is a cause for thanksgiving.

Ps 139: 13-14 tells us of our God given uniqueness.

I thank you, high God -You’re breathtaking!

Body and soul, I’m marvellously made.

I worship in adoration – What a creation! **Vs 14** (the message.)

No one is a mistake

Not everything that happens in your life is planned by God.

But He will heal the hurt, the broken heart and grieving soul, He will empower you to forgive and live with broken dreams and other people's actions or our own, even bring something good out of the darkest nightmare.

2 Bringing the word and the spirit of God into my building blocks.

We remain driven by external forces the world the flesh and the devil (see **1 Peter 5:8**), until we ask Christ to forgive us our sin's and commit our life to follow Him as Lord and saviour, then as we are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit we can begin to live in the fullness of the purpose we were born for.

- *The power of the cross. **John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2: 1-10.**
- *The word of God. **Psalm 119:105**
- *The power of the Holy Spirit. **Acts 1: 5&8; Ephesians 5: 18&19.**

We must act by faith that all things are possible, **Philippians 4:13.**

- Matt 7:7** asking
- Eph 3:20** believing
- 2 Peter 1:3** doing
- Eph 4:12** God's promised result.

Five things we must do:

- 1 Believe what God says about our life.**
- 2 Confess our sin and what needs to change.**
- 3 Commitment to fellowship and prayer.**
- 4 Don't stop, ever.**
- 5 Keep a sweet spirit.**

3 Creating the spiritual house with living stones.

1 Peter 2: 4-10

With Christ ruling and reigning over our life we begin to see our building blocks take shape in our life, church, and community.

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| * Think | * Goodness, | * Godliness. | Outwardly |
| * Speak | Inwardly | * Knowledge, | * kindness. |
| * Act | * Self control, | * Love. | |
| * Trust | * Perseverance. | | |

Matthew 5-7, 2 Peter 1: 5-9

Peter says

“These qualities in increasing measure”.
“Will keep us from being ineffective and unproductive”.
“In fact he says we are nearsighted and blind and have
Forgotten that we have been cleansed from our sins” if

Jesus says

“Putting in to practice these words of mine is like building on a rock”.

Jesus teaches us in the ‘sermon on the mount’ that when we apply the teaching of God’s word in to our ‘life building blocks’ then:

- * Our life pleases God.
- * Our life influences and is a force for good in the community.
- * Our life has the potential to be enjoyable and fulfilling.
- * Our life becomes a testimony for Christ.