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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for participating in BUILD Level Seven. The focus of BUILD VII is on discipleship - becoming a more committed and faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

I think you will find the teachings in BUILD VII to be more challenging than those in BUILD VI. For this reason, it will be important to read the week's materials before meeting with your group.

The passages in this study will give us a broad overview of God's great works. Each unit will include a key verse or verses for you to memorize that week. Please, please do the memory work and review it at your BUILD group meetings! Your BUILD experience will be much richer if you do this.

In addition to regular prayer with and for your build team members, please recruit one person outside of BUILD to pray regularly for your spiritual growth during this study. I recommend that this person be your spouse if she is a Christian.

As you study, pray together, and memorize God's Word, may the Holy Spirit help you have "strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:18-19).

I pray that you will find your spiritual life greatly enriched by participating in BUILD VII. And I pray you will come to know God better and love him more. Thank you for being a part of this exciting ministry of our church.

In Christ,

David Beaty
Pastor, River Oaks Community Church

MY COMMITMENT AS A PARTICIPANT OF THE BUILD_MINISTRY

With God's help, I commit to:

- Meet weekly with my BUILD team.
- Reading the Bible for a minimum of 10 minutes each day during BUILD. I will memorize the assigned verses and review them during the semester.
- Spend a minimum of 5 minutes each day in prayer during the BUILD semester. I agree to pray daily for the spiritual development of the other members of my BUILD team.
- Seek to live in such a way as to honor Jesus Christ and represent Him well before others.

Signature _____

Date _____

THE FALL GENESIS 3

Read Genesis chapter 3 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. What was the serpent challenging when he tempted Eve?

How might this guide us in recognizing his temptations today?

2. Why did Adam and Eve hide from the Lord's presence?
3. How would you characterize the replies of Adam and Eve to God's questions in verse 11?
4. Do you see any significance in the fact that God made Adam and Eve garments of skins, even though they had sewed together fig leaves to cover themselves? (See Leviticus 17:11)
5. Some scholars see Genesis 3:15 as a prophetic declaration about the coming of Christ as the women's offspring. What do you think? (See Romans 16:20)

MEMORIZE: Genesis 3:15

SAUL'S COMPROMISE

1 SAMUEL 15

Read 1 Samuel chapter 15 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. The prophet Samuel gave King Saul the Lord's command to completely destroy the Amalekites. Why did Saul not obey God's command?
2. What was Saul's response when confronted by Samuel? (See 1 Samuel 15:13)

How did Saul seek to justify himself?

3. What leadership weakness does Saul's excuse reveal?
4. What does verse 22 teach us about devotion to the Lord?

5. Why is the sin of rebellion so serious in God's eyes?

6. How does God enable us to obey Him today? (See John 14:15-18)

What should be the motivation for our obedience? (See John 14:23-24)

MEMORIZE: 1 Samuel 15:22

THE LORD'S MAJESTIC NAME

PSALM 8

Read Psalm 8 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. How would you summarize the overall message of Psalm 8?
2. Read Matthew 21:14-16. Note where Jesus quotes verse 2 of Psalm 8.

How does Jesus apply verse 2 to His own situation?

Note the subtle change in words from “established strength” in the Psalm to “prepared praise” in Matthew 21:16 (ESV). Discuss any spiritual truths here that may apply to spiritual warfare.

3. Read Hebrews 2:5-9.

Why does the writer of Hebrews apply the words from Psalm 8 to Jesus?

4. What reasons does Psalm 8 give us for exalting the name of the Lord?

MEMORIZE: Psalm 8:2

KING DAVID'S CONFESSION OF SIN

PSALM 51

Read Psalm 51 and 2 Samuel 12:1-23 (as background to Psalm 51) three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. How would you characterize King David's sincerity in this Psalm of Confession? Why?
2. Why in Psalm 51:4 does David say, "Against you, you only, have I sinned?"
3. What are David's specific requests in Psalm 51:10-12?
4. How does David anticipate that God might use his fall and restoration to enable him to minister to others?
5. What does it mean to have a "broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart" (Psalm 51: 17)?

MEMORIZE: Psalm 51:17

THE PRAYER OF MOSES

PSALM 90

Read Psalm 90 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. What truths about God does Moses reveal in verses 1 and 2?
2. In what ways does Moses contrast God to us?
3. In light of the brevity of our lives on earth, what are several things Moses prays for in verses 12-17?
4. How can our limited time on earth have lasting significance?
5. What does it mean for God to “establish the works of our hand?” (Verse 17)

MEMORIZE: Psalm 90:12

KNOWLEDGE OF WISDOM PROVERBS 1

Read Proverbs 1 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. According to verses 1-6 what is the purpose of the Proverbs?

2. How would you define “the fear of the Lord?” (Verse 7)

Why is it “the beginning of knowledge?”

3. Why is unjust gain (verse 19) such an attraction?

How can it be avoided?

4. Wisdom is personified in verses 20-33. What point is being made in verses 20-21?

5. What is the warning for those who disregard God's wisdom?

6. How does one listen to God's wisdom? (Verse 33)

MEMORIZE: Proverbs 1:7

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

MATTHEW 4:1-11

Read Matthew 4 verses 1-11 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. Why was it important that Jesus be tempted as He was?

What additional insight does Hebrews 4:15-16 provide?

2. Note that Jesus was hungry and likely weak when Satan came to tempt Him. What does the first temptation teach us about the devil's strategies?

How should we be alert to the ways the devil might tempt us?

3. Why did Satan use Scripture in his second temptation?

What's wrong with the way he used it?

4. What do we learn from Jesus' example of resisting temptation?

How can we be prepared to follow His example?

Are there specific Scriptures that have been helpful to you in resisting temptation?

MEMORIZE: Matthew 4:4

JESUS' TEACHINGS ON WEALTH

LUKE 12:13-34

Read LUKE 12:13-34 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. In the parable of verses 16-20, why does God call the rich man a fool?

What was the rich man's sin?

How should he have lived differently?

2. Why does Jesus follow the parable by teaching His disciples not to be anxious about their lives?

How can we overcome worry about our material needs?

3. In verse 22, is Jesus teaching us that saving is wrong? Why or why not?

4. Why does our use of “treasure” matter so much to God?

How can we be sure our hearts are right before Him in our handling of money?

MEMORIZE: Luke 12:34

JESUS' CLAIMS AND PROMISES

JOHN 14

Read JOHN 14 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. Why could Jesus make the exclusive claim He made in verse 6?

How would you respond to someone who says it is narrow-minded to believe Jesus is the only way to God?

2. If Jesus and the Father are distinct persons, what did Jesus mean when He said, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father?" (Verse 9)
3. What did Jesus mean when He said believers would do "greater works" than He did? (Verse 12)
4. What is the evidence of our love for Jesus Christ?

5. According to this chapter, why should Jesus' followers not be troubled or fearful about His ascension to heaven?

MEMORIZE: John 14:6

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE GALATIANS 3

Read Galatians 3 three times during the week prior to your BUILD meeting.

1. Why did the apostle Paul rebuke the Galatians so harshly in verse 1?
2. Why is the example of Abraham so important?
3. What does Paul mean when he says God “preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham?” (See Genesis 12:3 and Galatians 3:8)
4. Why can no one be justified (declared righteous by God) by keeping the law?

What was the purpose of the law?

5. What is the significance of verse 28 for Christian unity?

How might this verse shape our attitudes toward people who are different from us?

MEMORIZE: Galatians 3:13