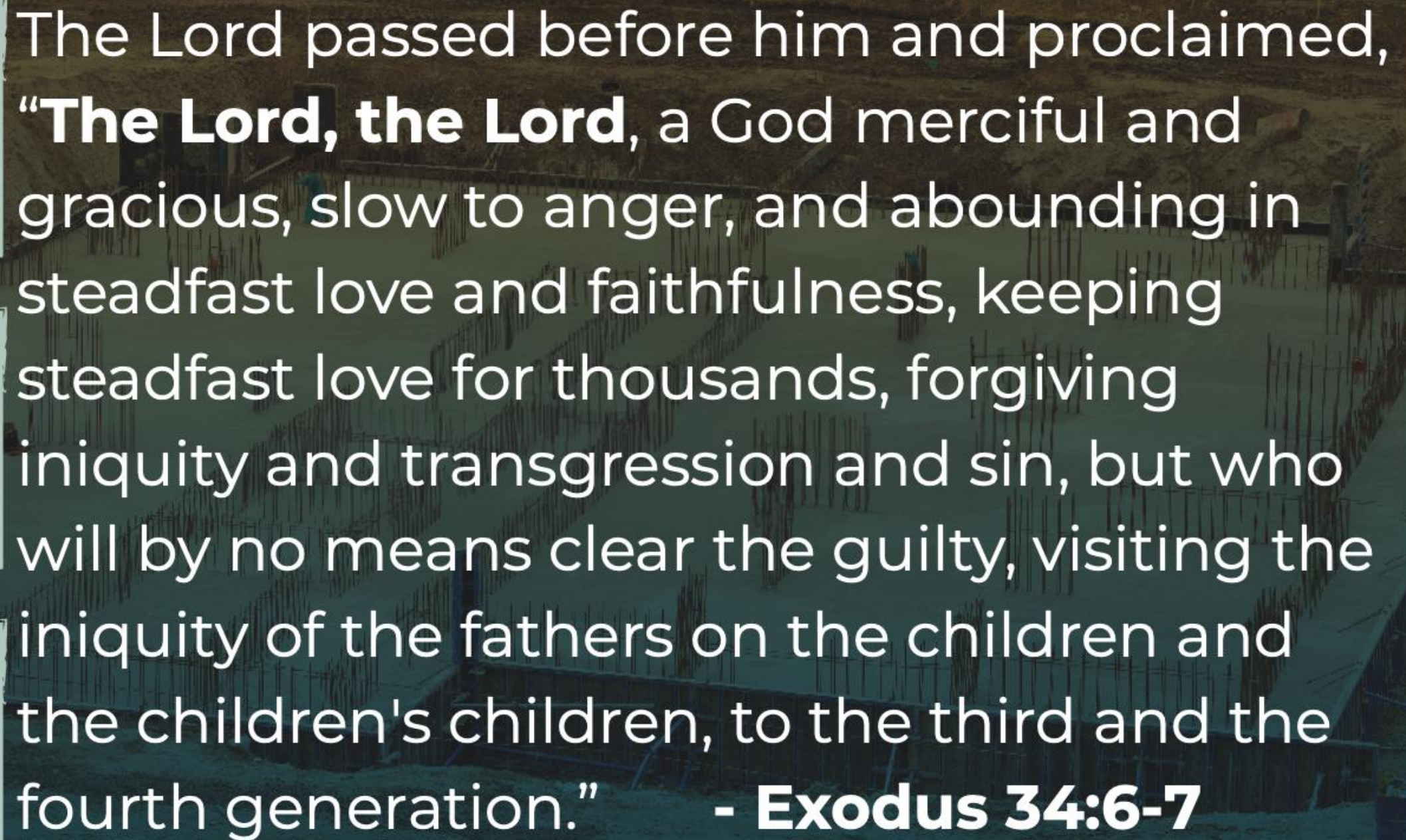


A photograph of a construction site showing the foundation of a building. The foundation is a large, rectangular concrete slab with a grid of rebar (steel reinforcement) visible on top. The rebar is arranged in a grid pattern, with vertical bars and horizontal bars. The concrete is a light gray color. The background shows a dirt area with some construction equipment and materials. The overall scene is in a construction phase.

FOUNDATIONS

WE ARE BUILT ON HIS NAME



The Lord passed before him and proclaimed,
“**The Lord, the Lord**, a God merciful and
gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in
steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping
steadfast love for thousands, forgiving
iniquity and transgression and sin, but who
will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the
iniquity of the fathers on the children and
the children's children, to the third and the
fourth generation.” - **Exodus 34:6-7**

18 Now it happened that as He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him. And He asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?”

19 And they answered, “John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen.”

20 Then He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

**Luke
9:18-20**

Why Do People Think Those People?

John the Baptist – Similar Message,
Similar Method, Similar Model

Elijah - “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.” – Malachi 5:4-6

Another Prophet – His Message, His Abilities

What Have the Disciples experienced?

Healings – Blind, Sick, Dumb, Deaf,
Raising the Dead to Life

Nature Miracles – Calming Storm,
Walking on Water, Water to Wine,
Feeding of 5000

Messages – “Kingdom of God is at
Hand,” The Sermon on the Mount,
Conversations with Religious Leaders

*Peter - “You are the Messiah,
the Son of the Living God” – Matthew
16:16*

21 And He strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one,

22 saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

**Luke
9:21-22**

Jesus Knew Who He Was!

Jesus Knew – What was going to happen, Why it had to happen, and How it was going to happen.

Jesus Shared – Who He was, What He was going to do.

Jesus Prepared – “*Strictly commanded them to tell this to no one.*” – Not His Time Yet.

23 And He said to all, *“If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.*

24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in His glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

27 But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”

Luke
9:23-27

Jesus Knew Who We Should Be!

“If anyone would come after Me...”


- *Come after Me* - Be His Apprentice, Disciple, Student

“...let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.”

- *Deny Themselves* – Live Love
- *Take up their cross* – Die to Self
- *Follow Him* – Jesus’ Method, Model, Motive

Jesus Knew How We Should Live!

- *It is NOT about here...*
- *It is NOT about gaining this world...*
- *It is NOT about US...*
- *It is about loving Jesus*
- *It is about learning from Jesus*
- *It is about living and loving*



How Do We Do This?
Be a Follower, Be Equipped,
Be in Relationship with
Jesus,
Be a Disciple-Maker!

Not about Doing... About Being -

“Therefore, let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity”

Hebrews 6:1