

SONG STORY: BUILD MY LIFE

Saturday, September 19

Reading: Jude 1:20-25

Jude 1:25 ...to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

CHORUS:

Holy there is no one like you
There is none beside you
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love
To those around me

Jesus the name above every other name
Jesus the only One who could every save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, O we live for You

BRIDGE:

And I will build my life upon Your love
It is a sure foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

We all build our lives on something. The song ‘Build My Life’ comes out of Jesus parable in Luke 6:

As for everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built (Luke 6:47-48).

The song was released on the album *Housefires III* in 2016 and written by the band and lead singer Pat Barrett, worship leader at Grace Midtown Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Barrett describes how the song originated over time. It began with the bridge based on Jesus’ parable of the wise man building his house upon the rock. A few years later he wrote the chorus with some friends in Scotland. In an interview he stated:

“[This song] continually reminds me not just to lift my eyes in worship, but to also lower them and check my footing and reexamine at times where I’m standing. If life starts to shake...I always hear that as an invitation from God to just look down and see where you’re standing.”¹

‘Build My Life’ helps us not only to look up to God in worship, but to look down and evaluate what the foundation of our lives is built on. Pat Barrett put it this way:

Build My Life" is one of those songs for me personally, that has carried me through so many years of change and uncertainty and if I’ve learned anything from being a father of three kids and Megan and I just celebrating nine years, it’s that life rarely behaves with our plans and its usually in the uncertainty and the not knowing and the trials that reveals what we’ve been standing on and what we put our trust in.”²

We can build on foundations of our own making, but they will wash away when the storms of life come. Or we can build our life on the rock solid foundation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Only then will we “not be shaken.” We all need to pray the chorus of this song: “Open up my eyes in wonder, and show me who You are, and fill me with Your heart, and lead me in Your love to those around me.”

Listen to ‘Build My Life’ @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z32HiCoFzIU>

¹ <https://www.ccmagazine.com/media/stream/video/pat-barrett-build-my-life-acoustic-story-behind-the-song/>

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Build_My_Life