

Building Blocks

Week 4 Devotional

The last few weeks Andrew and his team have been regressing a few grades and talking about building blocks. And how could you do that without talking about Lego's at least a couple of times. After all, everyone is familiar with them. So much so that I would be shocked if there was a single Sunday morning listener who had never played with a Lego™ at one time or another. They are a universal toy and they teach some very important universal lessons. One being, it's all about the foundation.

I'm sure you know, you have two options when working with Lego's™. You can start by stacking brick on top of offset brick or, if you're fortunate enough to have one, you can start by stacking brick on top of flat "foundation" piece. If you build two identical structures, but one has a foundation, the other does not, they will look the same, they will essentially cost the same, they will "play" the same, but they are not the same. One is built to stand the test of time (play), the other is not.

I think you probably see where I'm going with this, and you would probably be right. Spiritually speaking we have the same two options. We can choose to build on a foundation, or not. And the results will appear much the same, the question is will it stand the test of time? That's enough of my drivel, let's close with what scripture has to say.

"According 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. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire." 1 Cor 3:10-15

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit." Ephesians 2:19-22