BIBLE TEACHING SERIES - 'I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH – *Jesus*
CHAPTER ONE -   THE CHURCH THAT JESUS BUILDS

<u>The church as a building</u>
Psalm 127:1 - House a dwelling place - a person's heart
                    - life choices
                    - Matthew 7:24-27
                    - church as a household - Galatians 6:10

<u>The Foundation</u>
Matthew 16:16-18 - God is the supreme architect, Jesus is the
master builder. The Holy Spirit is the agent who gathers the
material needed for the project. We are the materials
- Church built on those who make Peter's confession their own.

<u>Previous Construction Projects</u>
Psalm 102:5 Original creation included humankind who chose
sin. Humans expelled from Eden (Gen:3) to the Land of Nod (curse)
Revelation 13:8 = God's plan B

<u>The Church's Foundation</u>
Isaiah 28:16 , Romans 9:33 - cornerstone marks identity – sure
foundation is end to anxiety and fear. 1 Cor. 3:11, Psalm 118:22
(Matt. 21:42, Mark 12:10, Luke 20:17, Acts 4:11, 1Peter 2:4)

<u>The Walls</u>
1 Peter 2: 4-5 inanimate stones with life - a picture of hearts
hardened by sin coming to life.   Ephesians 2: 19-22 - strength
through connection, inter-dependence. Isaiah 28:17 - keeping the
church true through the Word of God.

<u>The Furniture</u>
The grace of God - The gifts of the Spirit

<u>The Roof</u>
The covering and protection of God Himself

<u>The Door</u>
Isaiah 60:18, John 10:7-9

<u>For Discussion</u>

1. What is the significance of God being a house builder? Psalm 127:1
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2. Why did God's original creation fail? Did He make a mistake?
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3. Since Jesus is the only sure foundation, what about other religions?
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4. How does Jesus, our foundation, affect our identity? Romans 9:33
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5. What is your life as a "living stone" mean to you? What are your Natural gifts, what are your spiritual gifts? Have you found your place in The wall?   (1 Peter 2:4-5)
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6. A dwelling place of the Spirit. Ephesians 2:19-22. Can we experience the fullness of the Spirit outside of our connection with the church? If not, why not?
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7. What areas of ministry is God calling you to in the church?
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8. What role do pastors and elders have in your life?
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