

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Why Building Your Life on Faith, Hope, & Love

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What does it take to build a strong foundation for our life?

Proverbs 3:1-2 (NLT) “My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart. ² If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying.”

John 10:10 “I have come to bring you life in all it's fullness.”

- **Build your life on Love.**

Proverbs 3:3-4 (NLT) “Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. ⁴Then you will find favour with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation.”

1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT) “Make love your highest goal.”

1 John 4:19 (NLT) “We love each other because he loved us first.”

- **Build your life on Faith.**

Proverbs 3:5 (NLT) “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.”

Ephesians 2:1-6 (MSG) It wasn't so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin. You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on his own, with no help from us! Then he picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah.

- **Build your life on Hope.**

“Biblical hope is not a mere desire for something good to happen. It is a confident expectation and desire for something good in the future. Biblical hope has moral certainty in it. When the word says, “Hope in God!” it does not mean, “Cross your fingers.” It means, “Expect great things from God.” John Piper

- **Hope is not wishful thinking it is confident expectation based on God & His Promises.**

Proverbs 3:6 (NLT) “Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.”

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Big Idea: Be wise and build your life on faith, hope, & love found in Jesus Christ.

- **Where are you standing? (Faith is our foundation).**

Take a step towards greater faith today.

- **Where are you looking? (Hope is our orientation).**

Choose to focus on the promises of God.

Romans 15:13 (NLT) “I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

- **What are you doing? (Love is our occupation).**

Engage in acts of loving-kindness.

1 Corinthians 13:12-13 “Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity, All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. ¹³ Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love —and the greatest of these is love.”



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- 3) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in this passage? What interesting details do you observe? Is anything repeated? What questions come up about the passage? What is the major theme in the passage?

- 4) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in this passage for us and what does this tell us about wisdom and how people grow in wisdom? What does it tell us about building a foundation for our lives?

- 5) What do we see in 1 Corinthians 1:4-13 about faith, hope, and love? What are the implications for us as people who desire to follow Christ? What does it look like for you to build your life on faith, hope, and love in Jesus Christ?

- 6) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through this passage? (Take some time for Listening Prayer). How does this passage call on you to change the way you live as you enter 2022? What will you do this week as a result of this teaching? What aspect of this teaching do you need to pass on to others?



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