

SERMON SERIES: BUILT DIFFERENT

TODAY'S SERMON: BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD

TEXT: MATTHEW 21:33-44

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Matthew 21:42, "Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

BOTTOM LINE

Don't neglect what God gave you to protect.

Truth for today:

- 1. An owner who prepares, provides, and protects expects **stewardship**.
- 2. Rejecting the **Truth** leads to the collapse of everything else.
- 3. Aligning with the Cornerstone ensures stability
- I. God's <u>plan</u> for us is the best <u>plan</u>. (Matthew 21:33)

The owner gives us everything needed to **flourish**. (Isaiah 5:1-6)

- Wall protection, identity, boundaries
- Winepress a means to produce.
- Watchtower oversight, vigilance, and safety



- II. God's patience for us is evidence of His love for us. (Matthew 21:34–36)
 - The owner meets passivity with persistence.
 - Our response to the message is an indicator of our allegiance.
 - The accumulated effect of neglect eventually leads to sudden collapse.
- III. God's purpose for us is revealed in His Son. (Matthew 21:37–39)
 - Jesus, the carpenter. Greek, 'tekton'; builder, craftsman, stonemason.
 - Jesus fulfills the prophetic lament of Psalm 118.
 - He is the Cornerstone who holds the entire structure together. (1 Peter 2:4-5)

APPLICATION

- Take inventory of what you are doing with what you've been given.
- Stop ignoring the warning signs before it's too late.
- When your plan isn't working, go back to the One who designed you.

REFLECTION

- What signs of neglect have I pushed aside, and what steps can I take this
 week to respond to them instead of delaying?
- In what area of my life can I begin practicing what I've heard from God's word this week?
- In what specific way can I realign my life and priorities around Christ and His purpose for me?



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