



THE HOUSE OF GOD | JOHN LALGEE  
CHURCH METAPHORS

*THE FAMILY (RELATIONAL)*

*THE HOUSE OF GOD (CONSTRUCTIONAL)*

*THE VINE (AGRICULTURAL)*

*THE ARMY (MARTIAL)*

*THE BODY (ANATOMICAL)*

*THE BRIDE (COVENANTAL)*

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# METAPHOR:

*A metaphor is an object or item introduced because it carries some significantly similar characteristic to that which we want to describe or explain.*

1. *WORSHIPING GOD*
2. *TRAINING AND EQUIPPING BELIEVERS*
3. *BRINGING GOOD NEWS TO THE WORLD*

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For David said, "Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the Lord must be exceedingly magnificent, of fame and glory throughout all lands. I will therefore make preparation for it." So David provided materials in great quantity before his death. Then he called for Solomon his son and charged him to build a house for the Lord, the God of Israel.

**1 CHRONICLES 22:5-6**



David said to Solomon, "My son, I had it in my heart to build a house to the name of the Lord my God. But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have waged great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed so much blood before me on the earth.'

**1 CHRONICLES 22:7-8**





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Do you not know that you are  
God's temple and that God's  
Spirit dwells in you?

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16



Or do you not know that your  
body is a temple of the Holy  
Spirit within you, whom you  
have from God? You are not  
your own,

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19



You yourselves like living stones  
are being built up as a spiritual  
house, to be a holy priesthood,  
to offer spiritual sacrifices  
acceptable to God through  
Jesus Christ.

1 PETER 2:5



***6 KEY POINTS WE CAN DRAW  
FROM NATURAL BUILDINGS  
THAT APPLY TO  
THE SPIRITUAL HOUSE:***

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***1. YOU CANNOT BUILD  
IN THE DARK-  
THERE MUST BE VISION***





By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

**HEBREWS 11:9-10**



***2. FOUNDATIONS ARE  
CRITICAL***



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**



For we are God's fellow workers. You  
are God's field, God's building.  
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.

**1 CORINTHIANS 3:9-11**



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 CORINTHIANS 3:12-15**



***3. BUILDING REQUIRES  
PLANNING AND  
COMMITMENT***



For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

**LUKE 14:28-30**



***4. BUILDING IS VERY  
HARD WORK***





But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:10



***5. LIVING STONES -  
WE ARE THE HOUSE***



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are being built up as a spiritual  
house, to be a holy priesthood,  
to offer spiritual sacrifices  
acceptable to God through  
Jesus Christ.

1 PETER 2:5



***6. BUILDING IS NOT  
A CONCEPT -  
IT IS THE REALITY OF  
OUR LIFE***



“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.

**LUKE 6:46-48**



But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

LUKE 6:49



In my Father's house are many  
rooms. If it were not so, would I  
have told you that I go to prepare  
a place for you?

JOHN 14:2

