

# Built To Last

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*“If history repeats itself, and the unexpected always happens, how incapable must man be of learning from experience.”*

- George Bernard Shaw



“ ‘See how the leaders of Israel who are in you uses his power to shed blood. In you they have treated father and mother with contempt; in you they have oppressed the foreigner and mistreated the orphan and the widow.

**Ezekiel 22:6-7 NIV**



In you are people who accept bribes to shed blood; you take interest and make a profit from the poor. You extort unjust gain from your neighbors. **And you have forgotten me,** declares the Sovereign LORD.

**Ezekiel 22:12 NIV**



There is a conspiracy of her princes within her like a roaring lion tearing its prey; they devour people, take treasures and precious things and make many widows within her.

**Ezekiel 22:25 NIV**



Her priests do violence to my law  
and profane my holy things...

**Ezekiel 22:26 NIV**

Her officials within her are like wolves tearing their prey; they shed blood and kill people to make unjust gain.

**Ezekiel 22:27 NIV**



Her prophets whitewash these deeds for them by false visions and lying divinations. They say 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says' — when the LORD has not spoken.

**Ezekiel 22:28 NIV**

The people of the land practice extortion and commit robbery; they oppress the poor and needy and mistreat the alien, denying them justice.

**Ezekiel 22:29 NIV**



I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.”

**Ezekiel 22:30 NIV**

Love God.  
Love People.  
Make Disciples.



“Now there was a **Pharisee**, named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said...”

**John 3:1-2 NIV**

“Now he **had to go through Samaria.**  
So he came to a town in Samaria  
called Sychar, near the plot of  
ground Jacob had given to his son  
Joseph.

**John 4:4-5 NIV**



Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the noon.

**John 4:6 NIV**

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, **Jesus said to her**, “Will you give me a drink?”

**John 4:7 NIV**



Then, leaving her water jar, the woman **went back to the town** and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”

**John 4:28-29 NIV**

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him **because of** the woman's testimony.”

**John 4:39 NIV**



“Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

**John 5:3-5 NIV**

When **Jesus saw him** lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, **he asked him**, “Do you want to get well?”

**John 5:6 NIV**



“The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus....

**John 8:3-4 NIV**

“Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”

**John 8:4-5 NIV**



When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

**John 8:7 NIV**

Jesus straightened up and **asked her**,  
“Woman, where are they? Has no one  
condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she  
said. **“Then neither do I condemn  
you,”** Jesus declared. “Go now and  
leave your life of sin.”

**John 8:10-11 NIV**



“As he went along, **he saw** a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

**John 9:1-2 NIV**



After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam." So the man went and washed, and came home seeing."

**John 9:6-7 NIV**

“When the Lord **saw her, his heart went out** to her and he said, ‘Don’t cry.’”

**Luke 7:13 NIV**



“Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. Then he said to her, “**Daughter**, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”

**Luke 8:47-48 NIV**



“When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. A man with leprosy came and knelt before him, and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

**Matthew 8:1-2 NIV**

Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cured of his leprosy.

**Matthew 8:3 NIV**



When Jesus had entered Capernaum, **a centurion** came to him, asking for help. “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.”

**Matthew 8:5-6 NIV**



Jesus said to him, “**I will go** and  
heal him.”

**Matthew 8:7 NIV**

“As Jesus went on from there, **he saw** a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

**Matthew 9:9 NIV**

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, **many** tax collectors and sinners came and **ate with him** and his disciples.”

**Matthew 9:10 NIV**



“Jesus **went through all** the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

**Matthew 9:35-36 NIV**

When **he saw** the crowds, **he had compassion** on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

**Matthew 9:35-36 NIV**

**We build bridges not barriers.**



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# People.

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Head up, eyes open.

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Make the empty seat the most  
important seat.

We stand in the gap for others,  
because the One who stood in  
the gap for us also stood in the  
gap for them.