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Abundant Life in a Broken World

It's urgent that we represent a real, authentic Jesus, as He is in the Bible, to a broken world.

We believe the Bible is our foundation, absolute truth; that Jesus is Truth

John 14:6 AMP Jesus said to him, "I am the only Way to God & the real Truth, & the real Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

John 17:17 Make them holy by Your truth; teach them Your word, which is truth.

The idea of ultimate truth is gone. "This is MY truth..."
God's Word of absolute truth is essential to abundant life!

***When absolute truth (God's Word) is abandoned,
the void is filled w/ conflict, chaos, & confusion.***

Colossians 2:8 TPT Beware that no one distracts you or intimidates you (*takes you captive*) in their attempt to lead you away from Christ's fullness by pretending to be full of wisdom when they're filled w/ endless arguments of human logic. For they operate w/ humanistic & clouded judgments based on the mindset of this world system, & not the anointed truths of the Anointed One.

FAMILY VALUES

Joshua 24:14 Fear the Lord & serve Him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River & in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone. 15 But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? ***But as for me & my family, we will serve the Lord.***

Psalms 127:1a Unless the Lord builds a *house*, the work of the builders is wasted.

Proverbs 3:33 The Lord curses the house of the wicked, but He blesses the *home* of the upright.

Isaiah 32:18 My people will live in safety, quietly at *home*. They will be at rest. 19 Even if the forest should be destroyed & the city torn down, 20 the Lord will greatly bless His people. Wherever they plant seed, bountiful crops will spring up. Their cattle & donkeys will graze freely.

Matthew 7:24 “Anyone who listens to My teaching & follows it (*does it*) is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the *rain* comes in torrents & the *floodwaters* rise & the *winds beat* against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock (*founded on the Rock*). 26 But anyone who hears My teaching & doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. 27 When the rains & floods come & the winds beat (*& blow*) against that house, it will collapse w/ a mighty crash (*great will be its fall*).”

****Build Your House on the Rock video****

1. *Jesus promises serious difficulties in all of our lives.*
2. *Jesus promises total security & success to those who obey His Word.*
3. *Jesus promises failure to every person & family that disobeys His Word.*

HOW TO BUILD YOUR FAMILY TO LAST (A Lasting Family)

- 1. Surrender your life & your family to the Lordship of Jesus & His Word.***

Isaiah 53:6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on Him the sins of us all.

Psalms 23:1 *The Lord is my shepherd*; I have all that I need. 2 He lets me rest in green meadows; He leads me beside peaceful streams. 3 He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to His name. 4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I’ll not be afraid, for You’re close beside me Your rod & your staff protect & comfort me 5 You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head w/ oil. My cup overflows w/ blessings. 6 Surely Your goodness & unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, & I’ll live in the house of the Lord forever.

2. *Trust God as your Heavenly Father to meet your needs & care for you.*

1 John 2:15 Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. ¹⁶ For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, & pride in our achievements & possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. ¹⁷ And this world is fading away, along w/ everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

Matthew 6:24 No one can serve two masters. For you'll hate one & love the other; you'll be devoted to one & despise the other. You cannot serve God & be enslaved to money. ²⁵ That's why I tell you not to worry about everyday life-whether you have enough food & drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, & your body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to Him than they are? ²⁷ Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? ²⁸ And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field & how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, ²⁹ yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. ³⁰ And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today & thrown into the fire tomorrow, He will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? ³¹ So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' ³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, & live righteously, & He'll give you everything you need.

3. *Keep yourself & your family in a Bible preaching & believing church where you all will be grounded spiritually & build strong relationships.*

Psalms 92:13 NKJV Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Hebrews 10:24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love & good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another... *(your friends are your future)*

Ephesians 3:19 You Gentiles are no longer strangers & foreigners. You're citizens along w/ all of God's holy people. You're members of ***God's family***
20 Together, we are *His house*, built on the *foundation* of the apostles & the prophets. The cornerstone is Christ Jesus Himself 21 We're carefully joined together in Him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. 22 Through Him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by His Spirit.

***God doesn't build you up to tear you down.
What God builds is built to last.***