Foundations That Stand

Greg Kline · Hebrews 11:8–19

INTRODUCTION

- The house that stood, the house on the rock, was the house of those who had heard the words of Jesus and applied them.
- Two houses, two foundations that may have looked the same until the storm came.
- In Hebrews chapter 11, though, in this hall of faith, Abraham is highlighted.

1 Abraham's Foundation Stood

Hebrews 11:8–19; Genesis 12; Genesis 22

- His foundation was solid. It was on the rock, even when he was volunteering to do the unknown.
- Abraham was able to keep his foundation strong and firm with a promise kept in God's time.
- The answer could be no. But it might also be not yet.
- God takes care of his people, number one. And number two, and most importantly, God always keeps his promises.
- Abraham's foundation stood even when God demanded the unthinkable.
- I don't know how God's going to keep his promise, but I know that he will.

2 When I Don't Know What to Do

Philippians 1:12–14

- I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.
- First of all, if you notice what Paul does, he never stops serving Christ. There's always the answer. Always serve God.
- We usually look at one piece or a few pieces. God looks at the whole thing.
- He assumes he's meant to be there and makes the best of it for Jesus.

3 When I Don't Get What I Want

Hebrews 12:3–11

- For the Lord disciplines the one he loves and chastises every son whom he receives.
- He disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.
- The devil wants us to think inward, and God wants us to think upwards.
- That does not mean health and wealth. It does mean a soul in good standing with God.

4 When God Asks the Impossible

Acts 5:17–29; Matthew 26

- We must obey God rather than men.
- You decide today, this moment. When the storm comes, what will my answer be?

- God doesn't ask us to do something that we can't do because he knows our limits.
- Make the choice today. Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done.

5 What Do We Do When Life Is Good

Proverbs 30:7–9; Philippians 4:13

- Give me neither poverty nor riches. Feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, Who is the Lord?
- Because when I'm rich, what do I do? I think I don't need God.
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
- Make the decision today. Things will not define me.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you trust in the Lord and you need to make things right, come forward as we stand and sing the invitation song.**

MY NOTES