Upon This Rock

Ken Chapman · Matthew 16:13–18

INTRODUCTION

- I'm going to build this church upon what you just said. That the rock is the fact that I am the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
- That Jesus is everything upon which we are to build our lives.
- If I want to be a part of that which Jesus promised to build, it demands that I love him.

1 Get to Know Him Better

- Number one, get to know him better.
- The more you know somebody, the more you are exposed to their true character.
- And we are confident the more you know Christ, the more you'll love him.
- Though you haven't seen him, you love him. Why do I love him? Because I know him.
- When you open your Bible for your daily Bible reading, say this little brief, simple prayer. Teach me about you.

2 Think Deeply About Him and Your Commitment

James 1:21

- Think deeply about him and your commitment to him in this busy, noisy, distracting world.
- It is essential that God's children find some place and some time for quiet meditation.
- To think about Jesus. What he's done for me and what I'm willing to do for him.
- You better count the cost. Whether you're building a tower or going to war or setting out to plow a field, you better count the cost.
- That word will only be received and planted in our hearts through contemplating.

3 Truly Connect to Him Through Worship

1 Corinthians 11:30

- First of all, there's just the outward praise of God.
- Secondarily, there is the mutual benefit that we get of being together, assembling together, stirring one another, the Hebrew writer would say, to love and good works.
- But then there's a third benefit. And that's a personal benefit. That through worship. I am connecting to my Lord.
- For this reason many are weak and sick. And many sleep.
- That this is an opportunity for me to get closer. Closer to God and to Jesus Christ.

4 Surround Yourself With Others Who Share That Love

- Surround yourself with others who share that love and that devotion to Christ.
- The more you're around people who share some kind of similar interest, the more apt you are to grow.
- Find people who share that love.
- See your not just your worship, but your social interactions as an opportunity for me to grow in my love for Christ.

5 Keep His Commandment

- If you want to grow in loving him, which is essential to building your life upon him, then keep his commandment.
- Those are connected, Jesus said. You love me, you'll keep my commandments.
- And if nothing else, you'll see the reasoning behind that.
- If you'll think deeply about the things that you're doing, then you can't help but think deeply about him. And grow in your love for him.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you built upon that rock? Is he your foundation? Your cornerstone. Is he your everything? I challenge you to grow in your commitment, to grow in your obedience, and to grow in your love for Christ, who is our everything.**

MY NOTES