

Working on a Building

1. Vs. 1-11: **Are you one of “these people”?**

2. Vs. 12-15: **Will you-**

- Obey the LORD’S Call?
- Show God the proper and holy fear He deserves
- Repent of your Sin?
- Will you allow the Spirit to stir your soul?
- Act in Faith as He has called you? God has called us to Himself saying “I am with you”

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Application: How do we go from “these people” to “I am with you”?

1. Are you filled with the Spirit, resting only in Christ?
2. Is building God’s Kingdom your highest priority?

Conclusion: As we live our lives, *do the words of Jesus ring in our ears daily?* “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33) And as we ‘seek Him’, what do we expect in return? Are we seeking to bargain with God for material blessing in return for obedience? Or are we content to see God glorified, His kingdom built, and His righteousness poured out upon us?

Hebrews 11:8-10

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. *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.

Isaiah 8:11-15

For the LORD spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk *in the way of this people*, saying: “Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. *But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holy*. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken.”

Acts 9:31

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And *walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit*, it multiplied.

Luke 17:1-4

And he said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and *if he repents, forgive him*, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

Exodus 35:20-22

Then all the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. And they came, *everyone whose heart stirred him*, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the LORD’s contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments. So they came, both men and women. *All who were of a willing heart* brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and armlets, all sorts of gold objects, every man dedicating an offering of gold to the LORD.

First Corinthians 1:9-10

God is faithful, by whom *you were called into the fellowship of his Son*, Jesus Christ our Lord. I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that *you be united in the same mind and the same judgment*.

First Corinthians 16:13-14

Be watchful, *stand firm in the faith*, act like men, be strong. *Let all that you do be done in love*.