**Hitting Rock Bottom**

**Part II**

**Luke 6:47-48 NIV**

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**Build up from the Rock bottom!**

Jesus the **Rock;** Jesus is your solid foundation in which you are to build your life. In Matthew 16, versus 13-19 Jesus changes Simon’s name to Peter which means rock. He goes on to say, upon Peter’s confession of Him being the Son of the living God is where He would build His church. Some people build up others dig down. You as a Christian must build down and hit solid rock before you begin to build up. Your confession of Jesus as your Lord and Savior is the beginning of you building up a new life as a Christian. Many times God will use shaky situations to gain your attention that something in your life needs to change.

**Time Will Tell**

Time will tell who you are. Like the image of the two homes you saw from 08/07 sermon notes, when the homes were first built the home owners probably didn’t notice right away that there home was built different and was weak but over time as the storms came then there was a noticeable difference. Likewise, in your life the things that you built on your own; your career, relationships, finances etc. when the storms of life arose you began to realize how unstable and fragile all of those areas are. God begins to tug at your heart strings and asks you to remove what is not working in your life. He tells you “Don’t hold on to what’s not working. Don’t try to patch it! Don’t try to shake it into working, just let it go!” Did you know that “Don’t Work” is contagious? If you are hanging around a bunch of people who are not working it motivates you not to work. Every area of your life; work, home and relationships needs to have a plan. You need quality blueprints before you can begin to build. How can a carpenter build a home without blueprints? In life you will also need to have a plan and know what you are building. Your blueprint should begin with the Word of God. This is your foundation.

**Know!**

Creating a plan for your life will give you a certain advantage. It will reveal certain things you need to know. You need to know what disposition you have, which means you know your own personal qualities and the characteristics you have. You must also know other people’s tendencies, which means knowing their personalities and qualities. Also, you must know what God is telling you about your life. He promised in **Jeremiah 29:11** He has a good plan for your life; a plan that consist of a hopeful future. If you are not prospering in an area this may be an indication that you’re not following the blue print. **Joshua 1:8**, tells you to pray and meditate on God’s word day and night, this will insure that you do what is written. God wants to save you from you!

**How am I supposed to be what God wants me to be?**

Remember the story of The Three Little Pigs? You should wonder what happened after the wolf left. What happens if the two pigs didn’t leave? This one pig who built his house of brick built it to habitat just one pig, not three. The lesson in this, your house can only stand so much! You must realize that you can only stand so much. God has equipped you to carry a certain load not everybody’s load. You must realize that you are not to take on things that God has not asked you to take on. What ends up happening when you do this is you spread yourself thin. Instead of having quality work for the Kingdom of God you have quantity. When you do this you end up cheating yourself and others. God not only wants us to produce quality work for Him but He also wants us to use quality materials. Using cheaper materials upfront ends up costing you a lot later on. For example; you may be in debt. Most debt is incurred when you fulfill the desire of instant gratification. Becoming over weight, due to poor diet and exercise is due to instant gratification. You have to learn how to lay it away. Learn to suffer and teach your kids that a little suffering goes a long way. What are you building your life with? Are you building it with quality materials such as: The Word of God, prayer and fasting? **Luke 6:47**, advises you must be hearers and doers of His word. Have a teachable spirit and allow the Holy Spirit to be your Teacher. Use what God has given you to get where God wants you to be!

**Do you plan your drama?**

Is the following statement true about you? Everything you have been told not to do, you do. Some mentor, teacher, parent, friend, confidant has said to you don’t do it and you did it anyway. That’s you planning your drama. You go against your heart and you did a thing and it ended in drama. Whether you want to admit it or not, you planned that drama. If you go to church and your life has not changed the question you should be asking yourself is “Am I doing the Word?” This too is planning your drama. Stop making excuses; the first step to recovery is admitting you have a problem! You can either live by how you feel and what will give you instant gratification which equals drama or you can do what is right and have the inner peace you are searching for. God has it ready and available through having a relationship with Him. He is there with you the whole time because He loves you and is waiting for you to acknowledge Him. **Ephesians 2:10**, states we are God’s workmanship, a masterpiece now equipped to do the things he planned for us to do a long time ago. Do you know your quality? When you go around people do they recognize you’re different? Would you say you are a fusser or an encourager? Are you giving your best? If God is important to you, you will make room for Him! You have to decide if serving God is important to you. Are you treating God like a 3 am booty call? Are you only calling on Him when you need Him? This too is planning your drama! You can’t play God. Are you trying to live a double life? You want to do your life and God’s life at the same time. You can put an end to the drama you can end this double lifestyle. First, confess you have a problem. Second, acknowledge it exist and third begin to declare who you are in Christ. Let it go; loose yourself and go to the next level!