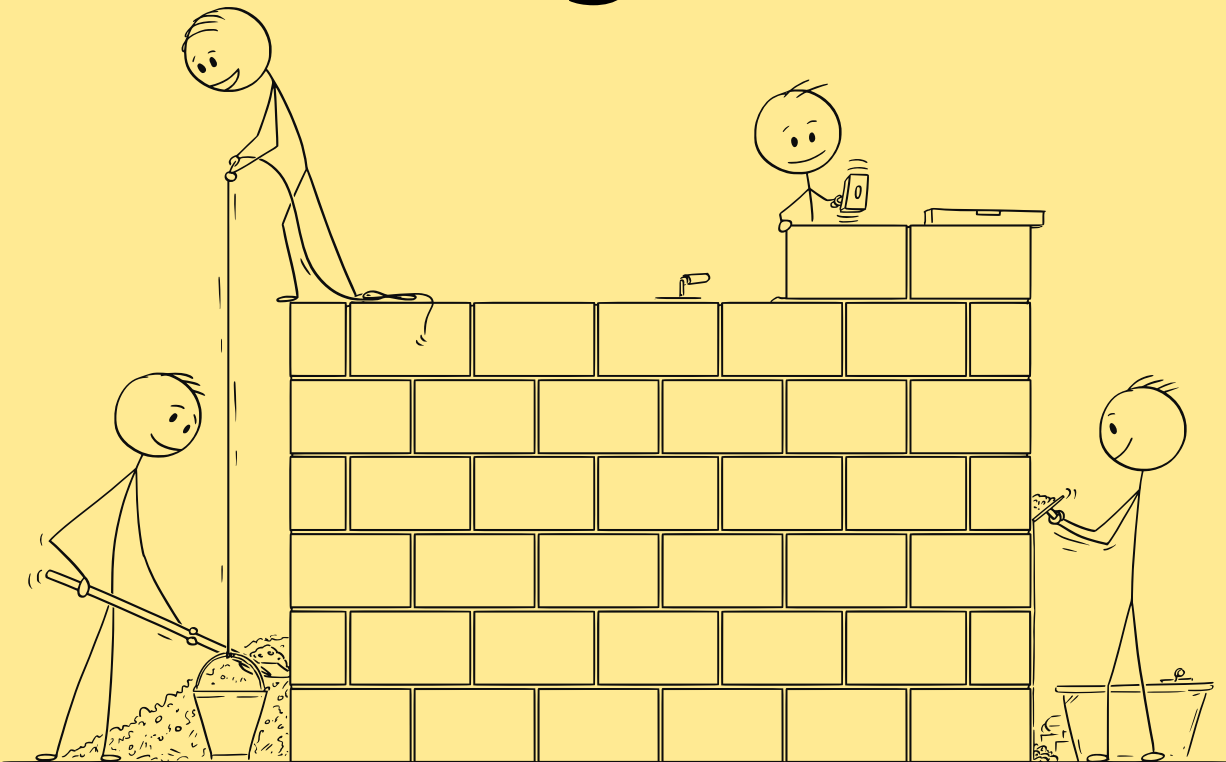




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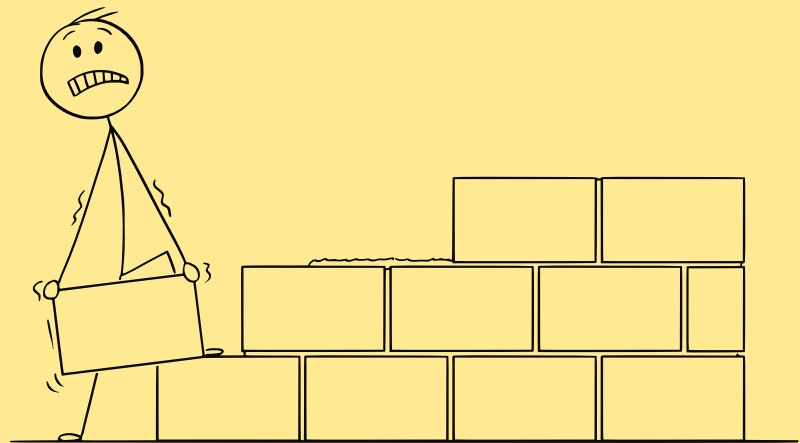
November

Foundation Building



A Life Built on Obedience

Obedience is the outward expression of love to God. As a result, God then reveals more of Himself to you and you get to know Him on a more intimate level. Obedience needs to become a key aspect of your spiritual foundation to grow and mature in His purposes for your life. In John 14:15, Jesus tells His disciples that if they love Him, they will obey His commandments.



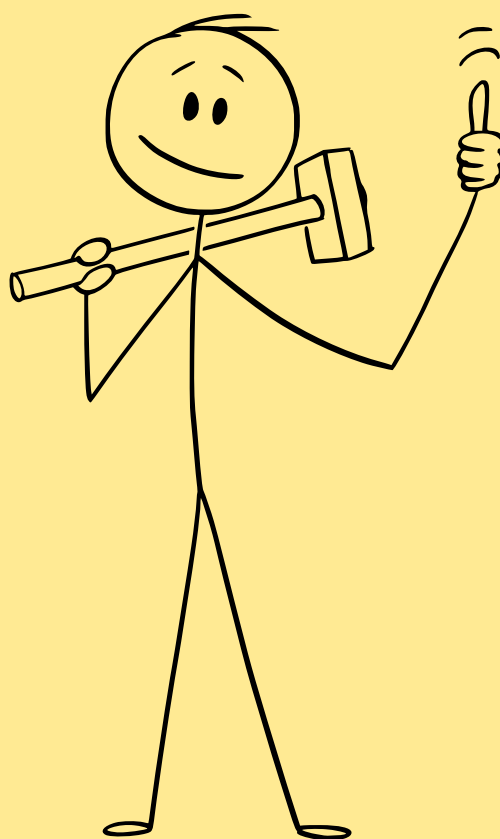
Many of us hinder our relationship with God because, put simply, we want to do our own thing. Once we make a commitment to Jesus, we have to live out a life of faith. And James says that ‘faith without works is dead’ (2:26). We cannot develop or grow spiritually without obeying the commands that God sets for us. It’s tempting in this world of opportunity to pick and choose what we want to obey. But ask yourselves this: Is that what’s best for you?

We live in a culture where self-care is a popular narrative, and rightly so. Yet the ultimate act of self-care, from a biblical perspective, is to hand it all over to God (Philippians 4:6) and only do what He commands us to do (Luke 6:46). That way, we are working from a steady foundation.

Let's dive into Luke 6:46-49...

What do you see?

The opening verse of this passage (46) is challenging. It forces us to ask ourselves the question it poses. Are we living our lives calling Jesus 'Lord' when in reality we don't seek nor do we obey what He has asked of us in His Word or through His Spirit?



Jesus gives us a clear picture of the benefits of obedience. When we build our lives as someone who comes to Jesus, listens to His words and puts them into practice (v47), we are like the man who built his house on the rock. Then when the inevitable struggles and hardships hit us like a storm, we will be able to stand strong. Building a life of obedience equips us to obey, know God and act wisely in times of difficulty.

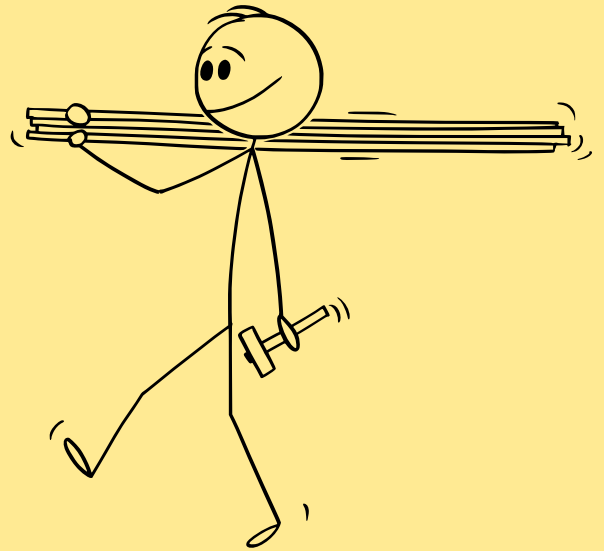
Alternatively, if we hear Jesus' words and don't obey or put them into practice, we're like the house on the sand. Unstable and ultimately vulnerable to destruction.

With this in mind, it's time for us to start building on our obedience to God. Start with the little things, like day-to-day activities or our approaches to simple situations, and watch how God begins to transform your relationship with Him.

“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master’” (Matthew 25:21).

Key verses

- Isaiah 1:19
- John 15:9
- Revelation 14:12
- Romans 1:5
- John 15:14



Prayer Points

Dig deeper with God on:

- Have I been disobedient? I ask You to reveal the areas where I need to repent and if there's a *don't*, show me the *do*.
- I praise You and want to show my love to You. Please give me a command to obey.

