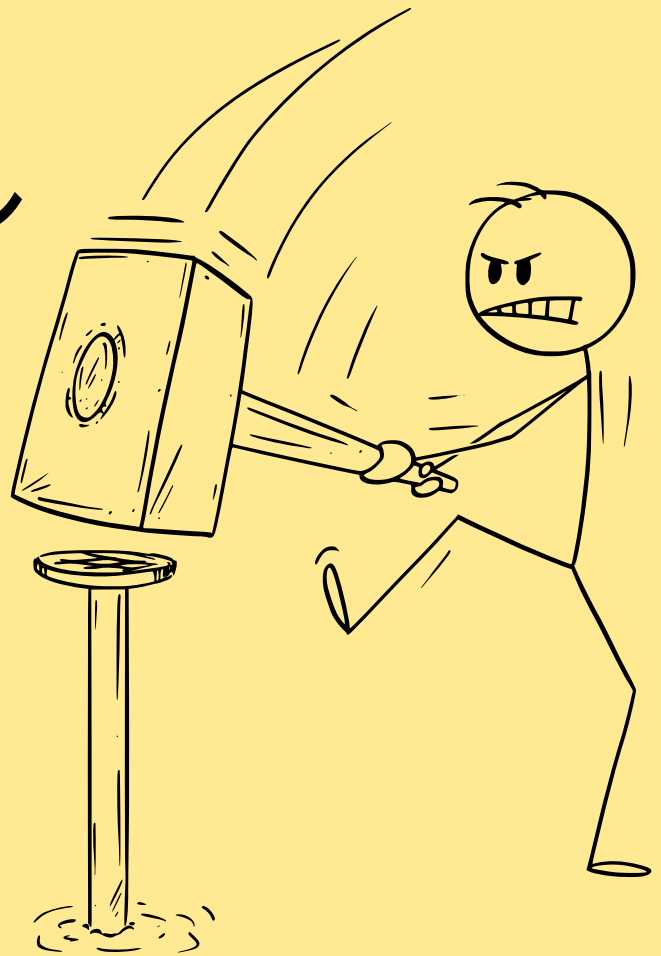




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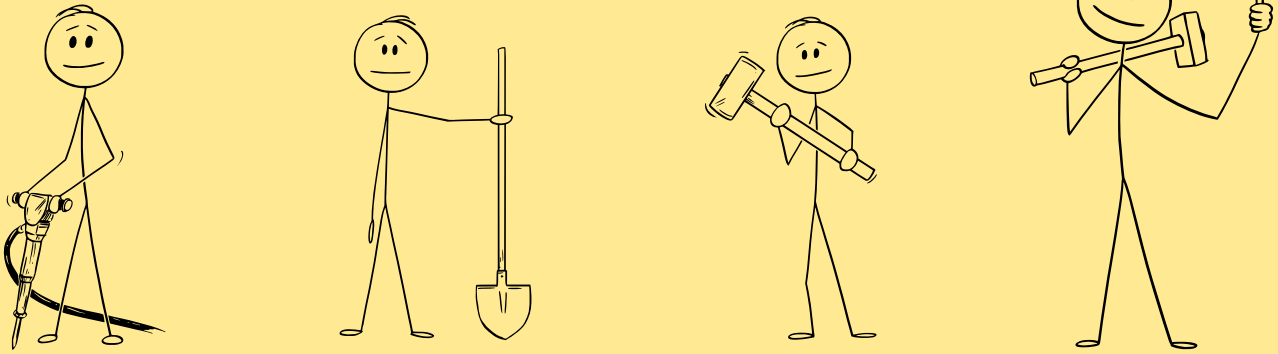
December

Foundation Building



A Life Built on Faith

Have you ever felt like you were made for more?
Do you ever feel frustrated that God has not
released you into something bigger and better
than what you're doing now?

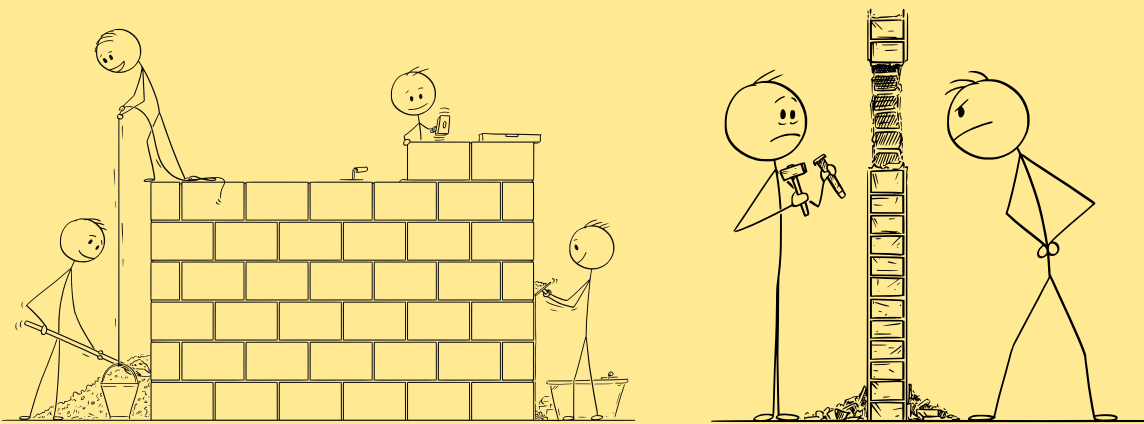


Within our culture, we can often expect instant gratification, immediate reward and quick development. That can be the same with our spiritual walk. We might read the stories of Abraham, Moses and David and think they had it 'all' – blessings from God and walking closely with Him. Yet we read in John 16:12-13 that Jesus explains to His disciples that the Holy Spirit will come and He will only speak what He hears to speak at any given time. We need faith in God - that He knows what to teach us and what we can handle at any given time. This can feel like we're constantly waiting but we must endure in our walk of faith to become the man or woman God has called us to be.

We must let God lay these foundations before He can give us the responsibility of bigger tasks for His kingdom. Like with a career, we can't jump straight to a director's role without having years of experience behind us. And while God doesn't require written qualifications, He does require high levels of faithfulness and obedience.

Let's read Luke 22:24-34...

What do you see?



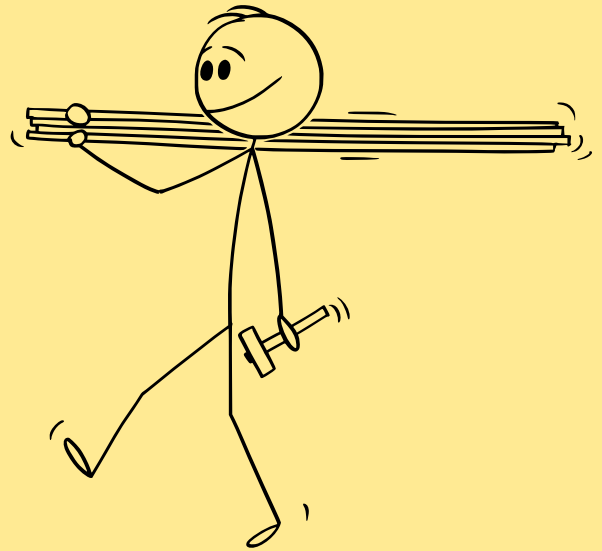
Jesus refutes His disciples – they should be different to the world. They will humble themselves, not to be the greatest but to be leaders who will serve. He also explains their great calling to be at His right hand in His kingdom.

He prays for Simon Peter that 'his faith would not fail' and that he would be able to 'strengthen his brothers.' You can imagine Peter in this moment, boisterously declaring he would follow Christ to prison and death. But Jesus cuts him off, telling Peter he will deny Him three times. You see, Peter was not yet ready to be the man God had destined him to be. There was a development needed, experiences to be had and lessons to be learnt.

We might assume we're ready for something when God knows we are not. By ensuring our life is built on a foundation of faith, we can trust in the Lord that He has us in the right place, at the right time, at the right level. We can believe that if we need to move, that will be made clear. In this way, we can live in His perfect peace and leave the rest to Him.

Key verses

- Matthew 17:20
- John 7:38
- Romans 15:13
- Romans 5:3-5
- Galatians 2:16



Prayer Points

Dig deeper with God on:

- Have I been ungrateful for what you have already given me? Please forgive me and teach me where I am.
- Teach me how to sow my faith into You and Your goodness, not into things that don't aid my development into who You want me to be.

