



“Built to Last”
Matthew 16:17-20 and Ephesians 4:11-13

Most people when building a home try to do it right. Hire good contractors, buy good materials, plan it out a head of time. Sometimes when we cut corners, we threaten the longevity of what we are doing, causing more work, more expense later. Same can be said about our spiritual lives as well.

KEY VERSE: “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.” (Matthew 16:16)

The journey of God’s people in building his kingdom in the book of Acts is an amazing one. From a few followers of Jesus to thousands in a short period of time. God has been on a mission to move his kingdom forward, and calls everyday people to join him on the journey.

In Matthew’s gospel, Matthew documents Jesus’ miracles, teachings and interactions with people from all walks of life. The disciples have been witnesses of all this up close. He then gives them the confidence they will need to carry on his mission.

I can move forward because
I have a solid _____.

Read *Matthew 16:13-16*.

I am here to _____ Jesus

How are Jesus’ words helpful for Peter to hear after Peter’s confession?

What other views of Jesus have you heard expressed by people?

Jesus’ designation of himself as the “son of man” comes from *Daniel 7:13-14*. Jesus expresses his commonality with humanity in this description. How does knowing Jesus understands what it is like to be human help you trust him better? How does it encourage you?

I am _____

Read *Matthew 16:18-19*.

God _____ me in my role

How have you seen God encourage you in your journey with him? What or who has he specifically used?

Read *1 Thessalonians 5 :11*. Who have I encouraged recently in their journey? How have I done so?

Read *Ephesians 4:11-12*. What role do I believe God has given to me? How do I know?

I have a _____.

Read *Ephesians 4:13-14*.

How would I rate my maturity in my journey with Jesus? How am I measuring my spiritual growth?

This week

- How am I intentionally growing as a disciple of Jesus? How do I know I am growing? What do I need to do?
- Who am I encouraging in their growth in Jesus?
- Am I “Built to Last?”