



Week 1, Day 5:

Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

Matthew 16:18

...all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 2:47

The church then had peace throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, and it became stronger as the believers lived in the fear of the Lord. And with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it also grew in numbers.

Acts 9:31

So the churches were strengthened in their faith and grew larger every day.

Acts 16:5

God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.

We believe that the local church is the hope of the world. Jesus said in Matthew 6:18, "I will build My church and the gates of Hades will not overpower it."

Ephesians 3:10-11

The local church is God's church. It's His vessel to reach the world, and we believe it should be one of the most effective, exciting, and healthy organizations on the planet. In Acts, throughout the birth and the expansion of the church, we see such Godly passion in leadership, readiness to preach the gospel, powerful unity among all those involved, empowerment by the Holy Spirit, and effectiveness in reaching more people for Christ.

For years, Christianity has been crippled by the myth that Jesus wants us to “play it safe.” Jesus didn’t play it safe. None of the apostles played it safe. The church in Acts did not pray for safety, they prayed for boldness!!!

Safety cannot be our goal. What is that one thing you know the Lord is calling you to do? You know it’s a risk. You know that for this thing to happen you are going to need divine intervention. What is it? Why are you not doing it?

PRAYER:

God, thank you for Jesus and His salvation that comes only through Him. As we embark on this Built to Last journey and look ahead at the next 10 years and what God is calling us to do, we pray that you give us boldness. Use us to help more people find and follow YOU!