

Bringing the unchurched into the family of God to advance His Kingdom

MATTHW 16:18 (NLTSE) 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.**

- Jesus said: **"I will build my church"**, but we have the privilege of being part of His building programme.
- In spite of the difficulties we face in church life, Jesus has never failed at anything, so we're destined for victory!!!

1 CORINTHIANS 12:18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.

- God has placed us in His body with the purpose of building His body.
- Let's ask ourselves: "What contribution am I making towards that?"

- **"all the powers of hell will not conquer it"**

- we can expect great opposition but we will overcome them all:

ROMANS 8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us

MATTHEW 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force

- The promises of God's Kingdom are not just going to be poured out into our laps, simply because we're believers.
- The idea here is that before John the kingdom could only be viewed in the light of prophecy; but now that it was preached, men were pressing into it with great enthusiasm, resembling violence or desperation. It expresses the earnestness that men must have in getting rid of sin, all satanic powers, the world, and in standing true when relatives oppose them (*Dakes Study Bible*)

1 PETER 2:1-6(NLTSE) 1 "So **get rid** of all evil behaviour. **Be done** with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. 2 Like newborn babies, you must **crave** pure spiritual milk so that you will **grow** into a full experience of salvation. **Cry out** for this nourishment, 3 now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.

4 You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honour.

5 And **you are living stones** that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God."

- God's word teaches us how to build:

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- Our responsibility is: to grow in Him, to crave for Him, to cry out to Him
- Our building material is extremely precious: 5 And **you are living stones**
- There's no going back:

ISAIAH 43:13 (NLTSE) "From eternity to eternity I am God. No one can snatch anyone out of my hand. **No one can undo what I have done.**"

CARE GROUP DISCUSSION

1. It has been said: "nobody is a blind as those who do not want to see" What do you think this means?
2. What do you understand by the phrase: "sight without vision is worse than blindness"?
3. **PROVERBS 29:18(KJV)** Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. Discuss what this verse warns us against.
4. In what practical ways, are you living out Bikers Church's vision?