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**Building Blocks: The Foundations of a Great Life**Kerrick Thomas, Lead Pastor  
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**Memory Verse:**

(Jesus) *“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise*

*and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock.”*- Matthew 7:24-25

**The Great Commandments**

(Jesus) “*‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul,*

*and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”* - Matthew 22:37-40

**The Foundations of a Great Life:**

A Great Commitment to the Great Commandments  
  
and the Great Commission done with Great Compassion  
  
will grow a Great Christian and a Great Church.

**HOW TO BUILD MY LIFE ON THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS**

* **to love god with all my heart, I GIVE HIM PRIORITY OVER ANYONE OR ANYTHING ELSE.**

(Jesus) *“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart…”*- Matthew 22:37

*“But be careful. Don’t let your heart be deceived so that you turn away from the LORD and serve and worship other gods.”* - Deuteronomy 11:16

* **to love god with all my MIND, I GIVE HIM my focused attention each day (especially sunday).**

(Jesus) *“You must love the Lord your God with… all your mind.”* - Matthew 22:37

*“Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely,*

*and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”*

- Philippians 4:8

* **to love my neighbor as myself, I GIVE others MY TIME AND ENERGY WHERE NEEDED AND WHERE GIFTED.**

(Jesus) *“Love your neighbor as yourself.”* - Matthew 22:39

(Jesus) *“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”* - Matthew 20:28

* **to love god with all my SOUL, I GIVE HIM control over the direction of my life.**

(Jesus) *“You must love the Lord your God with… all your soul.”* - Matthew 22:37

(Jesus) *“If you love me, obey my commandments… Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me,*

*my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.”*

- John 14:15, 21

(Jesus) *“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously,*

*and he will give you everything you need.”* - Matthew 6:33

Join us next Sunday, January 16 as we continue our **Building Blocks** teaching series with *The Building* *Block of Compassion*. Invite your friends and family and join us IN-PERSON at 11am at the AMC Empire 25 Theater in Times Square or for Church Online at 9am, 11am, & 1pm (plus additional online service times including Saturdays at 5pm or 7pm).

**Weekly Action Steps:**

* *If you made a first-time decision to follow Jesus today, email follower@journeynyc.com to receive a free copy of “The Next Step for Your Journey” book, plus other helpful materials.*
* *If you are a first-time guest today, email book@journeynyc.com to receive a free copy of the book, “Unshakable: Standing Strong When Things Go Wrong”* (a $19.95 value)*.*

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| **My Next Step Today is to...**   * Memorize Matthew 7:24-25. * Recommit to building my life on the Great Commandments. * Love others by finding a place to serve at The Journey. Please send me info on the following areas:   m Journey Kidz m Worship Arts m Welcome Team  m Serving in the Office m Community Service   * Send me information on *The Relationships Principles of Jesus* Professionals Breakfast led by special guest Tom Holladay on Wednesday, January 26 from 7:00-7:55am. |

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