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**Building Blocks: The Foundations of a Great Life** Dr. Nelson Searcy, Founding Pastor/Teaching 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 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.

**FOUR COMMITMENTS TO BUILD MY LIFE ON**

1. **COMMIT TO** **GOD AS THE FIRST PRIORITY IN MY LIFE.**

(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.”*- Matthew 22:37-38

**Journey Core Value:**

We Value Jesus

“Jesus Matters to our Daily Lives”

Am I following Jesus daily?

(Jesus) *“Seek the Kingdom of Godabove all else, and live righteously,   
and he will give you everything you need.”* - Matthew 6:33

1. **COMMIT TO** **GOD’S PRINCIPLES AS THE FOUNDATION OF MY LIFE.**

*“Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.* *But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it   
day and night.* *They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.”* - Psalm 1:1-3

**Journey Core Value:**

We Value Application of Scripture

“Teaching is for Life-Change”

Are my priorities consistent with Scripture?

(Jesus) *“But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God*

*and put it into practice.”* - Luke 11:28

1. **COMMIT TO** **GOD’S PEOPLE AS ESSENTIAL PARTNERS in MY LIFE.**

(Jesus) *“A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself.”*- Matthew 22:39

*“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer… They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — 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 2:42,46-47

1. **COMMIT TO** **GOD’S MISSION FOR MY LIFE.**

(Jesus) *“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always,   
even to the end of the age.”* - Matthew 28:19-20

*“And may you be completely faithful to the Lord our God. May you always obey his decrees and commands, just as you are doing today.”* - 1 Kings 8:61

Join us next Sunday, January 9 as we continue our **Building Blocks t**eaching series with *The Building* *Block of Priority*. 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. * Commit to making God the first priority in my life. * Make God’s Word the foundation of my life by committing to read the Bible in 2022. * Prayerfully give (or give again) to the *Now is the Time* Special Offering. |

All verses are from the New Living Translation unless otherwise noted.

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