

1 **A House that Grace Built**

CHAPTER 1: THE TASK OF REBUILDING

2 **Survival – what is it?**

- A system we erected at one point in our lives to deal with chaos, deficiencies and imbalance
- The unintentional lifestyle of self sufficiency as opposed to God dependency
- “Barely holding on,” “barely getting by”, chronic fear, deep anxiety and a gut-level sense of impending crisis are indications of “survival”
- Survival is a default pattern that we will always return to when our relationship with Jesus gets compromised or blocked.
- IT’S THE STATE OF LIVING LIKE AN ORPHAN RATHER THAN A SON OR DAUGHTER OF THE MOST HIGH!

3 **Why Destroy Our Survival?**

- God’s principles must be applied. He asks us “die” in order to “live” - The old must leave for the new to come

"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the old skins would burst from the pressure, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine is stored in new wineskins so that both are preserved." – Matthew 9:17

- Occupation of new territories in Old Testament
- Cleansing of Old Testament temple
- “Putting off” and “putting on” principle of New Testament

4 **The Replacement of Love**

- Living from love is the place of God’s provision
- A lifestyle of nourishment provides the baseline of our lives to deal with the turmoil in and around us
- The love of God is the all-encompassing reality of who God is and how He provides.
- It’s not a feeling, it’s a power that gives ability to change and deal with the conflicts and struggles that surround us – and to overcome the dysfunction and sin within us

5 **God’s Love in Action**

- Love’s power isn’t to provide comfort and happiness alone– it’s to restore our soul and spirit
- The greatest need in our lives is realignment to God’s purposes - the biggest threat is our own sin, pride and self sufficiency
- This means God’s love will maneuver into the cracks and crevices of our soul to expose, reveal and deal with those things that keep us away from Him.

6 **Holy Spirit**

- We don’t produce love – it is a byproduct of the Holy Spirit
- Everything in our Christian walk comes down to accessing the power of the Holy Spirit, therefore, we need to learn how to walk and live under His influence
- Signing up for Christianity isn’t about what we do, but about our abilities to trust and live from God’s resources

7  **Holy Spirit's Job**

- Convicts
- Teaches
- Fills
- Helps us understand truth
- Affirms identity
- Gives sense of eternal purpose
- Intercedes, comforts and assists in pain
- *Fellowship in the presence of God*

8  **Quenching the Spirit**

- Disbelief
- Pride
- Rejecting God's truth, listening to lies
- Believing God's truth applies to other people, but not ourselves
- Standing on the sufficiency of ANYTHING or ANYONE other than the power of the living God

9  **A Hidden War**

- Spiritual warfare isn't some far-fetched fairytale that doesn't apply to our lives – it's a reality we are bound to whether or not we choose to accept it.
- Spirit realm exists – two separate kingdoms operating in complete opposition – with distinct purposes. These kingdoms existed before physical was ever made
- God has an agenda – to bring life and redemption through the vehicle of truth and love. Satan has agenda – to bring death and destruction through the vehicle of lies and hatred towards the human race
- The outcome of our lives will depend on what we make OUR truth
- Ongoing battle is against denial
- If we are secure in a reality that opposes God's will and truth – He may He lovingly destroy it.
- People are NEVER the issue – it's the spirit that driving.

10  **Lies Versus Truth**

- The ongoing war in our life will need to be monitored by the fruit we produce - it's not just behavioral – but the condition of our heart (peace or anxiety, fear or love, joy or depression, etc.)
- We have the choice – we will decide which pathway we will take, and where our future will take us
- The changes of God may hurt – especially when He needs to deal with false securities and “idols” we have erected in His place – but as always, our willingness to trust in Him and place our will in His care will lead us into His abundance

11  **Expecting God**

- An attitude of expectancy ushers in and grants permission for God to rebuild our lives
- If we stand with the door of our hearts open, where that empty foundation exists, and expect His building project to come – we will see Him move on our behalf
- If we stand in fear – focusing on the doubts, and reverting back to self sufficiency – He is deterred and inhibited, thus the growth in our lives is stunted.
- God's movement and promises are activated by faith
- Nurturing a relationship with God isn't a “to do” list – it's a real, authentic place of knowing

Him and allowing Him to know us.

- We have no other priority in our lives right now other than to nurture that relationship – if it's not our number one goal – we will not be able to advance from here on out.