



BUILDING ON FAITH

PSALM 127:1

Building Campaign Devotional Guide

This devotional guide is not meant to take the place of a Christian's daily reading of God's Word, but is given as a supplement to it. It is meant to encourage brothers and sisters in Christ to be seeking God, His will, and His Word as we walk through the building campaign. May God use this guide to set your thoughts and hearts upon Christ, the One who is truly building God's house. (Matthew 16:8, Hebrews 3:1-6, John 14:2-3)

*"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."
Psalm 127:1a*

*"For it stands in Scripture:
'Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.'"
1 Peter 2:6*



Day 1

Is God Really in Control?

Scripture Reading: **Isaiah 46:8-11**

A building campaign has a way of exposing our questions. Will we have enough? What if things don't go as planned? Are we stepping out too far? Beneath all of that is a deeper question: *Is God really in control?*

God's answer in Isaiah is clear—He is not only aware of what lies ahead, He has already declared it. His purposes are not fragile or dependent on perfect circumstances. They stand firm.

As we step into this season as a church, we're not placing our hope in square footage, finances, or timelines. We're trusting the God who builds His church. This campaign is simply an opportunity to join Him in what He is already doing. What feels uncertain to us is completely known to Him.

Is God really in control? Absolutely! The same God who has carried our church to this point will not abandon His work now. He will accomplish His purpose—through us, in us, and even at times *despite* us.

Challenge:

Ask God to reveal where fear or control is shaping your perspective on this campaign. Then take one tangible step of trust—whether that's praying more intentionally, giving sacrificially, or speaking faith instead of doubt. Let your response reflect confidence that God is truly in control.



Day 2

The Holiness of God

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 90:2

Isaiah 6:1-4

To be holy. What does that mean? Holiness means to be separate, set apart, in a totally different category. That is what we see in these Scriptures about God. God is not part of creation; He is outside of it. We cannot judge or look at God through the standards of this world or through our finite minds because He is outside of this world, outside of this creation.

As we move forward with this building campaign, we must not forget God's holiness. If God has willed that His body at Gospel Community Church is to grow (spiritually and physically), we must realize that He will physically grow the building in the way He has planned and according to the counsel of His will. We must not limit what God can do because our created minds are small and cannot imagine everything He is capable and willing to do.

Challenge:

Today, pray that we, as God's people, would recognize and be thankful for God's holiness. And pray that we would not, in our minds, limit what God can do for His people.



Day 3

Be Holy as I Am Holy

Scripture Readings:

Leviticus 19:2

1 Peter 1:14-16

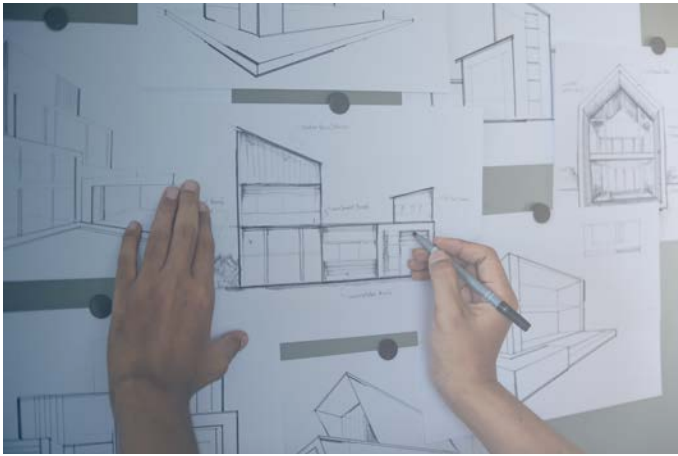
God is Holy, set apart from all of creation. And just as he is set apart from creation, we are to be set apart for him.

We are to be separated from this world and its ways of doing things. We are to be separated from our flesh and the sinful passions that war within us. We are to be separated from the demonic forces that would draw us away from our God. We are to be set apart from these things, but set apart for what? To be used by our Lord and Him alone.

The reason we flee from the world, our flesh, and the devil is so that we, as Christ's church, may be set apart for Him. To do His work. To do His will. To do it His way.

Challenge:

Please pray that, as we go through this building campaign that we will be a people set apart for God. And that we would be set apart in every way, and that God would show us any areas where we are not being set apart for him.



Day 4

The Humble Foundation, The Courageous Structure

Scripture Readings: Micah 6:8, Joshua 1:9

When we embark on building a physical church, it is easy to focus on the tangible—blueprints, budgets, steel, and stone. However, the most vital aspect of this project is not the structure that will be seen, but the spiritual foundation upon which it is built. A building without humility is just a monument to “self.”

1. **Humility Recognizes Dependence:** True humility in building is realizing we are not self-sufficient. We are not creating a place to show our strength, but a space for God’s grace to be poured out.
2. **Courage Moves in Obedience:** Courage is not the absence of fear, but obedience to God’s calling despite it. As Joshua was told to “be strong and courageous” in obeying His Word and taking the land, we are called to be courageous in building this space for God’s kingdom.
3. **The Goal is Service:** Like Christ, who humbled himself to take the form of a servant, we build this church to serve others, not to be served. Our goal is to create a home where the community finds rest, hope, and the unconditional love of God.
4. **Balancing Humility and Confidence**
 - Humility: We approach obstacles with a servant’s heart, focusing on the needs of the congregation and community above our own ideas or pride.
 - Courage: We take bold steps forward, trusting that God’s grace is sufficient to cover any shortages in funds, skills, or planning.

Challenge:

- Praise God that He is the true Builder of Gospel Community Church – most importantly in the spiritual sense vs. a mere human building project.
- Confess any pride that is taking our focus off of the Lord. Ask him to search our hearts and remove any pride or selfish ambition about this project.
- Ask God to give us the courageous obedience of Abraham, to move forward when He calls, even when we cannot see the final outcome.
- Pray as we lay bricks and set walls, that this structure will be a testament to His strength, not our own.
- Pray this building becomes a sanctuary of grace and a beacon of hope, built securely on the foundation of humility.



Day 5

The Sovereignty of God

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 46:9-10

My favorite attribute of God; God is sovereign. Many of us who have been believers for a long time have heard that statement, but what does it actually mean, and how does it help us in our daily lives? One biblical definition comes from Isaiah 46:9-10.

“Remember the former things of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, ‘my purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.’”

It’s easy to look back in scripture at the great stories of God dividing the sea, providing a pillar of fire for protection, reading how the Israelites were delivered into the promised land, and being gripped by the story of Jesus’ love for Lazarus and how he raised him to life! The ultimate act of Sovereignty! Sometimes, we look at the Israelites and wonder why they were always questioning God and losing focus so easily.

If you are like me, you have realized that we are not much different from the Israelites. The emotion surrounding our circumstances and our lack of faith can cause our hearts to drift away, not remembering God’s hand of sovereignty in our lives. For me, it often boils down to a faith and trust issue. Do I trust in God's word and have faith that the sovereign God of the universe is for me? Understanding that everything that comes my way has been sifted through the fingers of God for my good and HIS glory.

Challenge:

Take time and write down some of the promises that our Sovereign God has revealed in his word.



Day 6

The Goodness of God

Scripture Reading: Psalm 16:2a

Take a moment and think about the things in your life that bring you the greatest joy. I imagine some of the things that made your list include your family, close friends, your church family, a favorite hobby, some aspect of God's creation, or perhaps even a good cup of coffee.

Every single thing in your life that brings you even the slightest bit of pleasure or happiness, anything that makes your day better, is there solely because God, in his goodness, has thoughtfully placed it there. David recognized the goodness of God all around him.

How about you? Do you see it? Are you aware that the goodness of God is ALL around you? If so, it should not leave you unmoved or unresponsive. It should lead to awe and wonder and praise to a very generous God. It should cause our hearts to be overflowing with gratitude and to be generous towards others.

Because God is constantly pouring one blessing after another into our lives, it should cause our hearts to say with great enthusiasm, "God, every single thing in my life that brings me any sort of joy is only there because of you alone. Lord, may your constant goodness motivate me to eagerly do good to those around me."

Challenge:

Pray and remember God's goodness and all the good things he has done. And let it change you to do good to those around you.



Day 7

Faithfulness of God in the Past

Scripture Reading:

Lamentations 3:22–23

Deuteronomy 32:4

Scripture reminds us of God's faithfulness. His love never wavers. He is a steady foundation we can rely on in every situation.

When we look back, we can see His faithfulness in our lives and in our church. Through every season, God has provided and never failed. This gives us confidence for the future. We are not moving forward on our own, but trusting the same God who has brought us this far.

Challenge:

As we continue with the building campaign, let's remember His past faithfulness, give thanks for all He has done, and trust Him for what is ahead.



Day 8

Preparing for Harvest

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 9:37–38

1 Peter 4:10

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Jesus spoke these words as both a reality and a call to action. God is always working in the background, preparing hearts and moving behind the scenes to fulfill His plans. He has done the work, so how will we respond?

The Bible says we all have God-given gifts, and we are encouraged to use them to further His kingdom. Each unique gift can be used for His purpose in our church. God does not call the equipped; He equips the called.

As we move forward with the building campaign, we should consider whether we are ready to step into the additional needs of the church as it grows. Growth brings opportunity and responsibility. Are we ready to step into what God has for us and the role we can play in this new season?

Challenge:

Today, let's pray that we would be faithful with the gifts God has given us and ready to serve in any way He calls.



Day 9

Ask, Seek, Knock

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 7:7-11

In this devotional, we have read about God's goodness. How all good things come from Him and how He just is good.

In Matthew 7, it talks of "how much more" would our heavenly Father give good things to those who ask Him. We need to remember that we need to ask Him. In verse 7 from today's reading, we are instructed by Jesus to ask, seek, and knock. And each one of those things comes with a promise from Jesus. "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." We need to ask God, seek what He has for us, and knock so that the door will be opened. But let us not forget. We need to be, above all things and in all things, asking for more of God's presence, seeking more of God that our lives may reflect Him, and knocking so that the door would be opened for us to be drawn near to Him. After we have sought Him, then let us ask for the material needs we have, knowing that our good God will provide all that we need (Philippians 4:19).

Challenge:

James tells us, "You do not have, because you do not ask." So, let us today pray for more of God (more revelation and understanding of who He is) and for him to provide for what His church needs.



Day 10

Let Us Not Ask Wrongly

Scripture Reading:

James 4:1-3

We have seen from Scripture that God is good, that He wants to give good things to those who ask him and that we must indeed ask Him. But, we must be on guard in our asking because our asking can be done wrongly.

When we ask God for something, we must ask what is our motive behind it. We must remember that our passions "war" within us. As we ask God for the good things to do His work, our sinful, flesh-filled nature is right there wanting us to ask for things for selfish motives. James warns us that we ask and do not receive because we ask wrongly. Our intent in asking can be driven to spend what good thing God has given us on our passions (the very thing warring within us)!

We must ask God to guard our hearts, so that the intentions of our hearts may be focused on him.

Challenge:

Ask God today to reveal any intentions in asking for things in your heart that may be wrong. And pray that our intentions are solely focused on Him, as we move through this building campaign.



Day 11

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 139:23-24

Psalm 51:10

We discussed how we must be on guard against asking for things wrongly. How we need to weigh what our intentions and motives are. The revelation of wrong motives and desires is a good thing, so we might repent from them. But we must not stop there. As Psalm 139 says, we must ask God to search us and try us. This is so He will show us if there is any grievous way in us. Why are our intentions and motives wrong? Why are we asking wrongly? What is the deeper sin issue?

Are we worried about being able to expand the building? Are we worried that God will not provide what we deem necessary to expand the church? Are we worried that ministries will not be as effective as we think they should be?

We need to ask God to search and know us and to reveal to us the deeper issues of sin that would cause us to have wrong motives and ask wrongly. Then, we need to do what David did in Psalm 51:10; ask God to create a clean (pure) heart within us and to make our spirit right.

Challenge:

Today, pray for God to create a clean heart in us and to renew a right spirit within us, so that we might do all things in this building project from a pure heart devoted to God.



Day 12

A Consecrated Heart

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 143:8,10

What if we started each morning by setting aside our first moments to remember and acknowledge our Lord? Each new day is a fresh opportunity to glorify God. When we begin our day prioritizing our purpose for living, it sets the trajectory of our heart's attitude in the right direction. When we consecrate our hearts, we set it apart for God's use only, dedicating our souls to him afresh in thankfulness of his great love for us. Where can we be reminded of this great love? In His Word! As we put our trust in Him and his Word, He shows us the way to go throughout the day.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

We trust in you! Make known to us the way we should go, as we lift our souls up to you this morning. This day belongs to you. We belong to you. Teach us to do your will, for you are our God! May your Holy Spirit lead us as we consecrate our hearts to you only. Amen.



Day 13

God Hears

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 34:15

1 John 5:15

To have a God that hears, how wonderful is that? Man's tendency is to pray to and look to things that do not hear them and so cannot respond. Man's tendency is to turn to "dead" gods. But praise be to our living God who sits in the heavens and does whatever He pleases!

We know that our God hears when we cry. We know that we are not abandoned or unloved. We know that our Father is good, kind, and hears us. The One who holds all things in His hands hears us. He is not too busy to listen to His children.

Challenge:

As we pray for the building expansion, as we pray for the ministries at the church, as we pray for those that work and lead in the church, let us do it in full confidence knowing that our God hears us! And let us also give thanks for that wonderful truth.



Day 14

God is Kind

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 103:10-14

Oh, the great kindness of our great God.

God's Word tells us that we have all sinned. That we were rebels against God, having once walked in darkness. Children of wrath. Doomed to destruction.

But praise God for His kindness toward us that when we repent of our sins and put our faith in Him, "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

It is truly wonderful that He does not treat us as our sins deserve, but gives us eternal life. And as if that was not enough, he shows kindness to us with everyday blessings such as family, friends, food, clothes, houses, and a building to meet in as His church.

Challenge:

Pray today and thank God for His kindness in forgiving us and in providing us with daily blessings. And also thank Him for the blessings to come.



Day 15

God is Light

Scripture Readings:

1 John 1:5

1 Peter 2:9

God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. We, who were once in sinful darkness, blind to who God was, had our eyes opened by God's wonderful light! He has called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light! Now, by His grace and His Spirit, we can live in light. We can live for Him and follow His example.

We must remember that the God who called us out of darkness and into His light will not leave us in "darkness" about where to go or what to do with this building campaign (or any aspect of the lives He has given us). He will give us light to see where He wants us to go, and what he wants us to do. We only need to trust him.

Challenge:

Pray and thank God for giving us His light and calling us out of darkness. And pray for Him to give us light to see where he would lead each one of us during this building campaign.



Day 16

Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 119:105

Micah 7:8

John 8:12

God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all and He brings that light to His Word. God gives us His Word, so His light may shine through it and guide us in his way as we go through this life! What a great blessing it is for God to have given us His word!

Since we have this blessing of having God's Word, we need to make sure that we are in it everyday, so that we might grow in our knowledge and understanding of Him. Then, we can grow in our fear of God, our love for God, and our desire for Him.

And, as we follow our Great Savior, Jesus, who is the Light of the World, we can know that, even through this building project, we will not be walking in darkness but in light!

Challenge:

Get into God's Word and pray for him to grow your desire for Him and His Word. And pray that God will use His Word to guide us in what we, as His Church, should do during this building campaign.



Day 17

You are the Light of the World

Scripture Readings:

Matthew 5:14-16

Luke 8:16-18

Jesus says of Himself that He is, “the light of the world.” Think upon this wonderful truth, that Jesus “the Light of the World” says of those who follow Him, “you are the light of the world.” What a wonderful thing that we, who were once sinners, separated from God get to share in this attribute of God! It’s not just that God doesn’t leave us in darkness, but He makes us to be a light, as He is a light!

Since we share in this characteristic of God, we must remember what else Jesus says, “a city on a hill cannot be hidden.” There is no doubt that God has been using Gospel Community Church as a “city on a hill.” As we work toward expanding the building physically, we must remember that we are a shining city on a hill. Stay focused on Christ and the Gospel, and ask God to keep us as a shining city on a hill because it is only by His grace and power that we will be able to shine.

Challenge:

Today, pray and thank God that He is the light of the world, and He makes us to be the light of the world. Ask God that He would keep building us up into the shining city on a hill!



Day 18

Work While it is Day

Scripture Reading: John 9:4,5 & James 4:14

Time is precious. Job says that God has ordained a certain number of days for each of us to do His will on this Earth, and we cannot pass those limits. Jesus encourages us that we must work the works of God the Father who sent Him while there is still time (John 9:4). He cautions that there will come a day when we can no longer work. Our lives are so brief in light of eternity. James reminds us that it's as though we are a mist that appears for a short time and then vanishes. Paul senses this urgency when he declares to the church in Rome to “wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand.”

Later he exhorts them not to “be slothful in zeal, but to be fervent in spirit and serve the Lord!”

Truly, now is the favorable time; now is the day of salvation. Let us work together doing the works of our Father who is in Heaven, stewarding the time wisely that he has entrusted to us.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

You have graciously given us breath to serve you for a certain amount of time. Help us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to watch carefully how we walk, not as unwise, but as wise, making the best use of our time, because the days are evil. Remind us today to do the works of our Father while there is still time. Thank you for giving us breath and the ability with which to live for you. Amen.



Day 19

A Place Prepared

Scripture Reading:

I John 2:15-17

John 14:2-4

Christ Jesus our Lord is with our Heavenly Father preparing a place for us — an eternal home of unimaginable glory! This world is not our home. This deteriorating tent we live in is not our forever body. The grave is not our final resting place. There is so much more for us than what we see here. We will one day live in perfect harmony and peace forever with our Lord. As we faithfully work daily on Earth for our King, let us not love the world or the things in the world, but instead be filled with the love of the Father. Let us not build an earthly kingdom for ourselves that lasts for a little while and then vanishes, but instead, let's invest and work to build the great Kingdom of God that lasts forever. Where He is we will be also. Praise His holy name!

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

You are the one true King! Your Kingdom rules, reigns, and will last forever! You have called us to a greater calling than becoming earthly kings and queens of our own tiny, personal kingdoms. Your calling on our lives raises us up to be sons and daughters of the One True King; to work together building your holy kingdom and making you known throughout the Earth. Fill us with your love, so we will not be enticed by this world or the things in this world. Open our eyes to see what really matters, so we will not be deceived or distracted by our flesh or by Satan. Open the understanding of our minds to truths in your Word. Thank you for preparing a place for us, so we can be with you forever.



Day 20

A Cheerful Giver

Scripture Reading:

2 Cor. 9:6-7, 11-12

Paul was so encouraged by the generous giving of his fellow saints for the work of the Gospel! He endorsed his generous fellow believers praising their trust in God to provide as they gave. When we trust God sparingly, we sow sparingly, and we reap sparingly. When we believe by faith that God will provide, we are emboldened to give bountifully, and we will reap bountifully. Yet, each person must give as he has decided in his heart; not reluctantly or under compulsion but cheerfully. All that we have is from God. Our time, treasures, and talents all come from him. He is the one who will enrich us in every way to be generous in every way. This produces thanksgiving to God.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Produce through us a harvest of righteousness, as we sow generously. Provide for us as we give of ourselves only what you have first given and entrusted to us. Everything we have is yours. Thank you for giving us all that we really need. All thanks be to you for your inexpressible gift! Amen.



Day 21

Guarding the Heart in Busyness

Scripture Reading:

Luke 10:38–42

Psalms 127:1

To be busy. What does that mean? Busyness often means being full—full of responsibilities, decisions, and good work that needs to be done. Especially in a season like a building campaign, there is no shortage of things requiring attention. Planning, leading, organizing, and making decisions are all needed. But scripture shows us that busyness, even when it is for good things, can become a distraction from what matters most.

In Luke 10, Martha was busy serving Jesus. Her work was not wrong. It was good and needed. But in her busyness, she was distracted from what mattered most. Mary, on the other hand, chose to sit at Jesus' feet. Jesus calls this "the good portion." This reminds us that being near to Christ should come first.

As the church works through this building campaign, it will be easy for the busyness to fill every moment. But Psalm 127 reminds us "unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." The work is important and needed, but it is God who ultimately builds.

Challenge:

Today, pray that we will guard our hearts against the distractions of busyness. Pray that we will choose time with Christ above all the busyness around us. And that in all the work, we will trust that it is God who is building and not us.



Day 22

Counting the Cost

Scripture Reading:

Luke 14:28-33

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough to complete it?”

It’s striking that when Jesus speaks about following Him, He uses the image of a building. He invites us to pause...to think...to consider carefully. Faith is not impulsive. Obedience is not careless. Commitment is not shallow. Jesus calls us to count the cost. But what does that mean for us? It means we recognize that following Christ, and participating in His work, will require something of us. It will require trust and sacrifice. We may feel stretched. We may be asked to give in ways that are meaningful. We may need to rearrange priorities. And Jesus, in His wisdom, does not hide that from us. He does not pressure. He does not manipulate. He simply says, “Consider it, weigh it.” Then respond. But here is what we must not miss; Jesus is not trying to discourage us. He is preparing us. Because anything worth building, anything that lasts, will cost something. What once felt like sacrifice begins to feel like privilege. We are being invited to participate in something God is building. And so we respond, not quickly, or emotionally, but prayerfully. It will not look the same for everyone. But it will require trust from all of us.

Prayer:

Lord, you call us to count the cost, not to discourage us but to prepare our hearts. Give us wisdom to see clearly. Give us courage to respond faithfully. And give us trust to follow where You lead. Show each of us what obedience looks like in this season.



Day 23

The Hands of the Many

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 2:17–18 & Proverbs 16:3:

When Nehemiah surveyed the ruins, he didn't see a pile of trash; he saw a testimony of the awesome power and goodness of God waiting to happen.

We know that a church building isn't just about bricks and mortar—it is a visible sign of God's presence and protection for the furtherance of making Disciples who make Disciples for the Glory of God!

As Nehemiah encouraged, "The Hand of our God is upon us". Nehemiah's success relied on three specific truths; GOSPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH'S success will rely on the same three specific truths!

1. Honest Assessment: To build for the future, we must acknowledge our current need—whether it's more space for children, better facilities for the community, or a more secure "home" for the family of the church.
2. Shared Ownership: Our Building Project belongs to every individual and family. Every hand matters. Regular Corporate Prayer through Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication is critical.
3. God's Hand of Favor: Nehemiah encouraged the people that God's gracious hand will enable them, even amidst oppositional circumstances.

We don't build out of human ambition; we build because God has opened a door and invited us to walk through it.

Challenge:

A building project is a spiritual exercise disguised as a construction job. THEREFORE, PRAY for:

- Our Patience with one another as timing is never optimal.
- Our Generosity – we would be willing to give of our time, resources, and be fully devoted to prayer and fasting (if we can).
- Our Unity. As we move forward, remember that we aren't just renovating a structure; we are preparing a place where lives will be changed, marriages healed, and the next generation disciplined.



Day 24

That Our Love May Abound

Scripture Reading: **Philippians 1:3-10**

As the apostle Paul prays for the Philippian church, he is reminding them of his love for them. In verse 8, he talks about the longing he has for them with the affection of Christ. He thanks God for their partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

As we reflect on these verses in light of our building campaign, are we able to say as Paul did that, we have each other in our hearts and long for one another with the affection of Christ?

To be FOR each other and to “see the good” in one another will allow our focus to be on God and His plan for our church instead of the little things that distract us from our purpose.

Challenge:

As we spend time in prayer today, let’s pray for each other, that our love may abound more and more in knowledge and insight, so we may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ.



Day 25

Strength for the “Halfway” Point

Scripture Readings: Nehemiah 4:6,10 & Galatians 6:9

There is a specific kind of exhaustion that happens when a project is half-finished. The initial excitement of the groundbreaking has worn off, but the finish line still feels miles away. Nehemiah’s people hit a wall when the wall was only halfway up. They were tired, and the “rubble” (the mess of construction) felt overwhelming. Nehemiah kept the momentum alive using two powerful strategies:

1. Refocusing on the “Why”: When the people became discouraged, Nehemiah told them, “Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome” (v.14). He reminded them that they weren’t just moving stones; they were building a legacy for their sons, daughters, and homes. Momentum is fueled by vision, not just a to-do list.
2. A “Sword and Trowel” Mentality: Nehemiah realized that the work required both building and battling. He had the workers keep their tools in one hand and their weapons in the other. In a church build, “battling” means fighting off discouragement, division, or financial anxiety through prayer while continuing the physical work.

If you feel tired or bogged down by the “rubble,” the delays, the costs, or the mess, take heart.

- Being halfway done means you have already seen God provide for the first half!
- Don’t look at how much is left; look at how far God has already brought us.
- Momentum is maintained when we stop staring at the piles of debris and start looking at the “Great and Awesome” God who called us to build.

Challenge:

- Thank God for the progress we’ve made.
- Ask for the grit to keep a tool in one hand and a prayer in the other using the following Scriptures:

- 1 Cor. 15:58 – “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”
- Isaiah 40:31 – “but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”



Day 26

Guarding Against Pride

Scripture Reading:

Proverbs 16:18

James 4:6

As we look ahead to this new addition, it is exciting to see what God is doing in our church. Growth is something to celebrate because it shows His work among us. But growth also brings the challenge of guarding against pride.

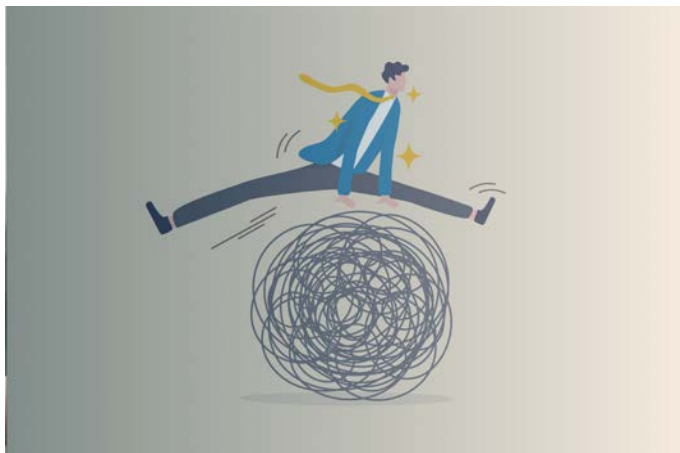
Scripture warns that pride can come quietly. It can shift our focus from what God has done to what we think we have accomplished. Gratitude can turn into self-reliance, and humility can become comparison or a desire for recognition.

The truth is, everything we have and everything we are building is because of God's grace. He is the one who provides, leads, and sustains. We are simply stepping into what He is already doing.

As this new space becomes reality, let's stay grounded in that truth. This is not about making a name for ourselves, but about making room for God to continue working in people's lives.

Challenge:

Pray that we remain humble, give God the credit, and keep our focus on Him every step of the way.



Day 27

Overcoming Obstacles

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 16:8

Romans 8:28

We rarely see a home repair or building project go exactly as planned without running into some type of problem along the way. In life, our days will be interrupted with unexpected bad news, flat tires and root canals.

Psalm 16:8 gives us the secret to not being shaken. We set the Lord always before us knowing that he is at our right hand. Keeping Christ at the forefront of our minds reminds us that we are not in control, but He is. He is sovereign. Romans 8:28 promises God will take all circumstances that come our way (those who love him and are called according to his purposes) and use them for our good and his glory. Since His glory is our goal, then we can be assured that no matter what, it is well with our soul.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

We love you! You have called us to be your children and to be used for your purposes. The plans you have for our church body are good. We trust in you no matter what unforeseen issues we run into. You know all things. You see past, present and future. Nothing is a surprise to you. You will be with us. You alone are faithful! Amen.



Day 28

Dress for the Battle

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 6:10-18

The Bible tells us that we have a lurking enemy who is seeking someone to devour. He is on the prowl. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood. We fight against Satan and his demons. We must be on guard and prepared.

Ephesians tells us how to prepare for these battles that we are constantly facing: battles for souls, for holiness, for truth, for God's glory to be made known and for the unity of the church. We are to take up the whole armor of God, so we can stand firm. We need to put on the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace and the Helmet of Salvation. We are to take up the Shield of Faith and the Sword of the Spirit. Then, it reminds us to pray at all times in the Spirit. Our gracious Heavenly Father has given his Spirit to us as a guide, comforter and teacher. In the Bible, we find God's own words which help us discern between the enemy's lies and truth.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, You have given us all the things we need to fight our enemy successfully and to live holy lives. Help us to stay alert with all perseverance, praying for one another as we battle together for your kingdom and glory. Let us recognize the enemy instead of fighting one another. Keep us sober and vigilant. Help us to take our enemy seriously and to stay aware in this present darkness. We are the light of the world. What an honor that you have chosen us to carry Your light! Help us to shine Your radiance brightly in the way we share Your Gospel and in the way we live. Give us courage. Give us a sound mind rather than a spirit of fear. Greater are You, who is in us, than he who is in the world. Praise your holy name! Amen!



Day 29

Unity in the Body

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 4:1-7

1 Cor.12:12-20

Again and again scripture reminds us of how pleasing to God and essential it is to have unity of mind in the body of Christ. Spiritual oneness of believers creates communion with Christ among brothers and sisters. Christ unifies us regardless of background or race, talent or treasure. The Holy Spirit designates many different gifts meant to be brought together and used for one purpose: the glory of God through which we build his Kingdom. The body of Christ is one, even though there are many parts. All parts are necessary. Everything we do, we must do in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is our common theme.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

You are so creative! You have made us all so different! Though we are diverse, we function as one. Unite us in mind and in spirit, as we work through many challenges. Let each of your people esteem others better than themselves. Help us to listen more than we speak. Help us to each humbly, yet confidently, step out and use our gifts to edify the church. Help us to appreciate our differences, knowing that you have made us unique to serve one another and thereby serve you. Thank you for baptizing us all into one body and declaring us equal with each other. There is no partiality with you. We praise you for carefully arranging the members as you see fit. We trust you and desire to walk in light of this truth and to see Your Kingdom come!



Day 30

The Church is a House of Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 56:1-8

We pause today to ask a very important question: Why are we building at all? Listen to the Word of the Lord from Isaiah 56:7, “My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” These are God’s words—not ours, and they remind us that what we are building is not ultimately defined by us but by Him. It’s easy to focus on the visible things: design, space, and function. But God directs our attention not to the structure but the purpose. “My house will be called a house of prayer.” Not a house of activity, programs and appearances. A house of prayer. If we build a beautiful space, but it is not filled with prayer, we will have missed the very heart of what God desires.

The true measure of this building will not be how it looks. It will be what happens inside it. Will people meet God here? Will prayers rise from this place daily? Will lives be changed? And this begins now—not when the building is finished. We become a house of prayer before we ever step into a new space.

Prayer:

Lord, you have said that your house will be called a house of prayer. Shape us into that kind of person. Teach us to seek You, not just in moments of need, but as a way of life. Make us a people of prayer. In Jesus’ name, Amen.



Day 31

The Majesty of God

Scripture Reading: Psalm 8

How Majestic Is Your Name!

“Majestic” is defined as something that carries a sense of royalty, splendor, or awe-inspiring beauty—something that inspires awe or admiration because of its impressive scale, elegance, or power. It is right that the Bible would describe even just the name of our Lord as majestic! Our Lord is so beyond all things and nothing in this world can compare—in fact, nothing comes even close!

How majestic it is to look up at the sky and see the multitude of stars; how majestic to gaze at a picturesque sunset or a sunrise; how majestic it is to stand at the base of an expansive snow-capped mountain range; how majestic it is to stand on the beach and gaze at the immensity of the ocean—and yet, none of these compare to the majesty of our God! When was the last time you were overwhelmed by the majesty of God?

In spite of this immeasurable majesty, God is still mindful of us and cares very deeply for us. Yes, even right now, He is concerned for us and for His church.

Challenge:

As we move through this building campaign, let us once again be completely overwhelmed by the majesty of our Lord and His care for us.



Day 32

Made for a Purpose

Scripture reading:

Psalm 145:10-21

As we read through this Psalm, let's picture ourselves as one of God's creations that He intentionally made with a purpose. As this Psalm states, let's praise and extol Him. Let's tell others of His glorious kingdom and speak of His might, so that all men may know His mighty acts and the splendor of His Kingdom.

As we think about expanding our building, let's rejoice in the work that God is doing. He is allowing us to join in His work and is inviting us to be part of the story that He is writing for our church. Someday we want to look back at this process and share stories with our children of God's faithfulness to us as a congregation.

How we desperately needed Him to provide, guide and give us wisdom to carry out His plans. What a joy and a privilege to be part of his earthly kingdom, as we prepare to join his heavenly kingdom. Verse 21 says, "My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise His holy name for ever and ever."

Challenge:

Today, as we spend time in prayer, let's praise the Lord for who He is and what He has done and will do in the future. Not because of what we have done but because of Jesus!



Day 33

Reliance on the Lord

Scripture Reading:

Proverbs 3:5–6

James 1:5

To rely on the Lord. Reliance means trust, depending, and a willingness to lean not on our own understanding, but on God's wisdom and direction. It means realizing that no matter how capable we may seem to be, we are still called to rely on God in all things. In Proverbs 3, we are called to "trust in the Lord with all your heart, and to not lean on your own understanding." This is important in seasons filled with big decisions. It is easy to trust experience, strategy, or what seems most logical. But God calls us to rely on Him in all things and trust He will guide us on the right path.

James 1 reminds us when we lack wisdom, we should ask God who gives generously. This is a promise for times exactly like this. The Lord does not expect us to figure everything out on their own, and He asks us to depend fully on Him.

As the church moves forward with this building campaign, there will be many decisions that require wisdom. The temptation will be to rely on what makes sense to us or what has worked before. But true wisdom is marked by depending on Him and not on ourselves.

Challenge:

Today, pray that we will rely fully on the Lord. Pray that we will seek His wisdom in every decision and not lean on our own understanding. Pray that God would clearly guide and establish the path forward.



Day 34

Joy in Trials

Scripture Reading:

James 1:2–4

Romans 5:3–5

To have joy in trials. What does this mean? It does not mean ignoring difficult times or pretending that challenges are easy. Joy in trials is confidence that God is at work, even when circumstances are hard. Joy is rooted not in what we see but in what we know to be true about God.

James 1 calls us to “count it all joy” when we meet trials. Those trials are producing something in us: steadfastness, wisdom, and a deeper dependence on the Lord. Romans 5 reminds us that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope. Trials are in God’s hands. They are used for His purpose and our growth.

In a season like a building campaign, challenges will come, hard decision making, moments of pressure, and stress. These are all opportunities to trust that God is working through it all. We are called not just to endure these trials, but to do so with a joy that comes from knowing God is faithful. A heart posture of joy in the trials doesn’t point to our strength, but to our trust in God’s plan.

Challenge:

Today, pray that we face trials with joy. Pray that we will see challenges as opportunities for growth and to deepen our reliance on the Lord. Pray that through every difficulty, our hope remains anchored in the faithfulness of God.



Day 35

Merit Now My Own

Scripture Reading: **Colossians 1:10-14**

In Colossians, it talks about living a life worthy of the Lord. What is a life that is worthy of the Lord? He goes on to say that bearing fruit and growing in knowledge is proof of God's work in us.

In verse 12, it says to joyfully give thanks to the Father who has qualified us. It's a reminder of one of the worship songs we sing, "All sufficient merit...It is done, it is finished, no more debt I owe, paid in full, all sufficient, merit now my own."

This is not something we receive for being a good person but a free gift that we have to receive. His love and forgiveness are always available if we humbly ask. Will we receive this gift and live a changed life that is worthy of the gospel?

Challenge:

As we spend time in prayer today, let's ask God if there are areas in our lives that we need to be changed in, so the fruits of a changed life would be evidence of a changed heart.



Day 36

The Word and Wisdom of God

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 7:24-27**

The Old and Weathered Beam (a Parable about Authority)

How can I describe this present generation?

It is like a man who has lately moved into an unfamiliar house and who prefers to walk about at night without light, even though he cannot see. One night as he boldly walks around, he runs into an old and weathered beam. Infuriated by his injury, he decides the beam must be removed, for it has insulted his pride and his senses. Since it is his house, he feels that he should be free to make it conform to his liking. He begins verbally berating the beam for daring to insult him and even the architect of the house for putting it there. Fueled by his anger throughout the night, he works, in the dark, to remove the beam, though it is much stronger than he first thought. Finally, as the light of morning begins to filter in, he finally succeeds in cracking the beam. However, as he stands back to admire his work he realizes, too late, that this old and sturdy beam, rough and weathered as it is, was put in place by the architect as the main support of the entire structure. His success in breaking the beam is bringing the entire structure down on his own head.

So it is with the worldly people of this present age.

Two ways to build

We have an authority issue in the West today. The chief authority our culture says we should listen to for guiding our lives is “ourselves”. We are told to “follow our hearts” and look inside ourselves to make judgments and decisions. Basically, to “do what seems right in our own eyes” (Judges 21:25). Jesus says, in this passage, that we have two choices, just like Adam and Eve in the garden (Genesis 2-3). We can listen to

His wisdom or seek it for ourselves. The truth is that one of those options leads to life, the other leads to shaky foundations that cannot stand when the storms come.

As we begin this building process as a church, we recognize the foundations we build upon are of critical importance. Even more important than the physical foundation of the building, is the spiritual foundation. In chapter 7 of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus gives us the secret. If we hear and act on Christ's words, we will stand. In other words, make Christ our foundation.

But how do we do that? The beginning of the answer seems simple but will take a lifetime to fully discover: we read God's Word, and we read it often. We read it when we feel like it and when we don't. We read it in big chunks quickly and in small chunks slowly. We read it alone and with others. And we let it soak into our souls. Psalm 1:2-3 paints the picture well.

"Instead, his delight is in the Lord's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night. He is like a tree planted beside flowing streams that bears its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers."

Application Questions:

- Who is the ultimate authority in your life? Is it the world, yourself, or your Creator?
- Are you truly "eating" the Word of God, soaking in it daily, and letting it shape and mold you?
- Have you learned the Christian's secret to a happy life, the wisdom handed down to us through ancient scripture? Do you desire God and His will above all else?

Challenge:

Please join me in my prayer for our church: That we desire God above all else, "Eat this Book" (Ezekiel 3:1-3) and meditate on it day and night (Psalm 1:2), and strive to make Him the foundation of our lives and our church.



Day 37

Remembering God's Sovereignty Over All Things

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 1:1

Psalm 50:10-11

Psalm 24:1

In today's Scriptures we reiterate the point that God is Holy (set apart), but then the Words of Scripture go deeper into another attribute, His sovereignty. Because God is outside of creation and because He made all things, He is the Lord over all things. There is nothing that is outside of His power, authority, or control. God causes animals to be fed. God raises kings up and tears them down. God gives rain to the righteous and the unrighteous. Nothing happens apart from the counsel of God's will, and Job says, "no purpose of Yours can be thwarted." (Job 42:2)

If God's desire is for the church building at Gospel Community Church to grow to accommodate the people He is bringing to himself, we should not be surprised at how He will do it when He does it, because He can do it in any way He wants, with whatever resources he wants. He is Lord over all money, all building materials, all of our needs, and all people's hearts.

Challenge:

Today, pray and thank God for His Sovereignty, and ask Him to provide the things that He deems necessary for us, in the way that He deems necessary for us, according to His timetable.



Day 38

God is Good

Scripture Readings:

James 1:16-17

Matthew 7:11

God is good. In all that he does, He is good. In all that He says, He is good. In all that He has planned for us (as individuals and as His Church), He is good. He exists in a state of goodness. Goodness radiates from Him.

And as James tells us, every good and perfect gift comes from Him. There is not one good thing that we have received that has not come from God. Matthew calls us to think about how even though we are evil and can give good things to our children, how much more will God give good things to those who ask him.

Challenge:

Today, pray and thank God for His goodness, and ask Him to keep giving us good things as His Church that we might use them for His glory.



Day 39

Nothing to Fear

Scripture Reading:

Luke 12:6-7, 27-32

Doesn't God already know what we need?! According to Matthew 6, he does! Because of his great love for us, it pleases Him to provide for us. Jesus reminds us in Luke 12 not to be afraid. Instead, He says to seek His Father's kingdom first, and He will provide all that we need. He also teaches that we are much more precious to Him than little sparrows, yet He even provides for them.

Still not sure? Look back! Recount the many ways He has already provided for us. He is a faithful God. His name is Jehovah Jireh – the "Lord Will Provide" and "He Will See To It!" He was even willing to give his only Son for us. He loves us so much! Paul says in Romans 8, "He who did not spare his own son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"

We can courageously press forward without fear because the God, who so loved us will see to it!

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, you are Jehovah Jireh, the Lord Our Provider! What You have put into our hearts to do, You will also give us the strength and ability to accomplish through Your power. You love us! You have chosen us! Thank You for calling us to be Your servants in this world. Give us the courage to step out in faith and obey you no matter what You're calling is in our lives. We know that You will give us all things that are needed to accomplish this task by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Thank you!! We trust in You, God! We love You! Amen.



Day 40

Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 150

As we come to the close of this devotional and as this building campaign nears Challenge Sunday and Commitment Sunday, let us end with our focus where it is always supposed to be, on God. We have been reminded again and again through this devotional about God's holiness, His sovereignty, His faithfulness, His love, and many more of His attributes. We have been reminded of our need for Him and how He always provides for us. We have been reminded of our need to be set apart for Him and His work. We have been reminded of what He has done in ages past.

As we look forward to what is ahead, let us not just look with expectation of what good things our Heavenly Father has in store for us, but let us look forward with grateful hearts. Let us look forward in praise and worship to Our Great God!

Challenge:

Today, pray to God and ask Him to do great things for the physical and spiritual needs of His Church, but do not stop there. Praise Him! Praise Him in prayer! Praise Him in song! Praise Him in the way you live the life He has given you! And may the rest of the world look upon us as we do so and, "give glory to your Father who is in heaven."
(Matthew 5:16)

*“Where there is no vision, the people perish:
But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”*
Proverbs 29:18 KJV

*“Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of All.”*
Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision*