



The Notes

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Part 1: "Where Do We start?"

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"A time to kill; A time to heal; A time to destroy; A time to rebuild;"

Ecclesiastes 3:3 (TLB)

**BUILDING UP THIS COMMUNITY STARTS
WITH TEARING DOWN THE WALLS THAT...**

**1. ...PROTECT OUR _____, HABITS & THE
OLD THINGS WE _____.**

"Look, nobody tears up a new garment to make a patch for an old garment. If he did, the new patch would shrink and rip the old, and the old garment would be worse off than before. And nobody takes freshly squeezed juice and puts it into old, stiff wineskins. If he did, the fresh wine would make the old skins burst open, and both the wine and the wineskins would be ruined. New demands new—new wine for new wineskins. Anyway, those who've never tasted the new wine won't know what they're missing; they'll always say, 'The old wine is good enough for me!'"

Luke 5:36-39 (TVB)

"Have some of you noticed that we are not yet perfect? (No great surprise, right?) And are you ready to make the accusation that since people like me, who go through Christ in order to get things right with God, aren't perfectly virtuous, Christ must therefore be an accessory to sin?"

The accusation is frivolous. If I was 'trying to be good,' I would be rebuilding the same old barn that I tore down. I would be acting as a pretender. What actually took place is this: I tried keeping rules and working my head off to please God, and it didn't work. So I quit being a 'law man' so that I could be God's man. Christ's life showed me how, and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with him. Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. My ego is no longer central. It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God. Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not 'mine,' but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I am not going to go back on that. Is it not clear to you that to go back to that old rule-keeping, peer-pleasing religion would be an abandonment of everything personal and free in my relationship with God? I refuse to do that, to repudiate God's grace. If a living relationship with God could come by rule-keeping, then Christ died unnecessarily."

Galatians 2:17-21 (MSG)

**2. ... _____ OUR VIEW OF
THE _____ THINGS THAT ARE
_____ FOR US.**

"Enlarge your house. You are going to need a bigger place; don't underestimate the amount of room that you'll need. So build, build, build. You will increase in every direction to fill the world. Your offspring will take over the nations; Your people will revitalize long-abandoned towns."

Isaiah 54:2-3 (TVB)

"I tell you the truth: unless a grain of wheat is planted in the ground and dies, it remains a solitary seed. But when it is planted, it produces in death a great harvest. The one

who loves this life will lose it, and the one who despises it in this world will have life forevermore.”

John 12:24-25 (TVB)

3. ...KEEP _____ FROM GOING WHO NEED TO _____.

“The weapons we use are not human ones. Our weapons have power from God and can destroy the enemy’s strong places. We destroy people’s arguments, and we tear down every proud idea that raises itself against the knowledge of God. We also capture every thought and make it give up and obey Christ.”

2 Corinthians 10:4–5 (ERV)

“God said to Gideon, ‘You have too large an army with you. I can’t turn Midian over to them like this—they’ll take all the credit, saying, ‘I did it all myself,’ and forget about me. Make a public announcement: ‘Anyone afraid, anyone who has any qualms at all, may leave Mount Gilead now and go home.’ Twenty-two companies headed for home. Ten companies were left. God said to Gideon: ‘There are still too many. Take them down to the stream and I’ll make a final cut. When I say, ‘This one goes with you,’ he’ll go. When I say, ‘This one doesn’t go,’ he won’t go.’ So Gideon took the troops down to the stream. God said to Gideon: ‘Everyone who laps with his tongue, the way a dog laps, set on one side. And everyone who kneels to drink, drinking with his face to the water, set to the other side.’ Three hundred lapped with their tongues from their cupped hands. All the rest knelt to drink. God said to Gideon: ‘I’ll use the three hundred men who lapped at the stream to save you and give Midian into your hands. All the rest may go home.’”

Judges 7:2-7 (MSG)