



Monday January 01, 2018

Word of the Lord 2018 : A Year to Build Again on Old Foundations (Isaiah 58:12)

There is instruction and promise.

All of Scripture is prophetic. So we continue to live by all of Scripture.

But the Word of the Lord is a specific word, having instruction and promise, that we feel God desires to highlight for the year ahead and calls us to focus on this.

Isaiah 58:12 (NKJV)

Those from among you Shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

Isaiah 58:12 (Good News Bible)

Your people will rebuild what has long been in ruins, building again on the old foundations. You will be known as the people who rebuilt the walls, who restored the ruined houses."

The Instruction

Build Again on Old Foundations

Two-Fold Promise

#1, You will see things raised up in their original state of glory and even better.

#2, You will be known as a people who repair, rebuild, raise up and restore

God is calling us to raise up, restore and build again on the old foundations so that what has been laid in ruins will be rebuilt, restored and raised up to their original state of glory and even better.

I realize that some of us have been already engaged in such activity, of rebuilding on the old foundations. But this year is a year specifically and intentionally to focus on doing just this.

God will cause people - ***there will be a movement taking place*** - causing people to go back to the old foundations and to build again.

In modern language we would say: '**back to the basics**', or '**back to the start**', or '**back to the original vision**', '**back to the original intent**', '**back to the original purpose**'.

Get back to the old foundations and build again.

Old Foundations

things built according to the original design, the original blueprint

things built with strength and stability that have stayed the course of time

(Clarification: When we say 'old foundations' we do not mean 'old ways'. For instance, for some people 'old ways' would mean a sinful lifestyle, living in error, bondage, etc. and you must NOT go back to these!).



Personal Life and Walk With God

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In your **personal walk** with God, get back to the old foundations of personal time with God, of seeking God in private through prayer and word. Walk away from the "feel-good" phenomena that has swept the Christian world and lulled the Church worldwide into lethargy, complacency and ineffectiveness.

Family

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In **family**, build again on the old foundations of seeking Him together in prayer, of raising up a godly home and godly children, of living together for the purposes of God. Don't let lack or abundance cause you to deviate from what you originally committed to before God for your marriage and family.

Professional Life

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In your **professional life**, get back to the old foundations of why you are in the marketplace and whom you are serving, of being a faithful employee of Christ first and foremost. Don't let failure or success ruin your life.

In **businesses**, get back to the old foundations of doing business with integrity, fairness and for the good of all involved. Get back to the original intent with which God moved on you to step out into your field of work.

Church

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In the **Church** there will be an emphasis to get back to Christ's original design for the Church. There will be a shedding off things that have served as props, makeovers, and a move towards authentic, New Testament Christianity rooted in "**Book of Acts expressions**", building again on the old foundations of sound teaching, prayer and worship and of purity and power, of grace and glory. This is what we will do as a **local church** community.



When the Church was birthed in the book of Acts what did they have:
They had the Old Testament. They had the 4 Gospels..in that the apostles taught them first hand everything they had learned. Shortly after that they had the Epistles. So they had the Word. And most importantly they had the Holy Spirit working in and through them.

In ministry to others

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God will use many of us in this manner to help people build again on old foundations.

Identify areas that God wants you to be involved, where God wants you to step in and say, what lies in ruins, will be rebuilt and restored. And then in order to see this happen, choose to guide people back to the old foundations.

Governments and nations

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For **governments and nations**, while leaders and people are looking forward to peace, prosperity, growth and development, LET US PRAY THAT there will also be the recognition (a movement, an awareness), that a strong nation can only be built on the age old foundations of integrity, righteousness, justice and equality.

What Caused Things To Be Ruined?

What was of old, what was of God, what was from the beginning has been brought to ruins, laid waste.

#1, Our Neglect

Not careful, not watchful to stay with the old foundations

#2, Our Waywardness

We went away from the old foundations

#3, The Enemy

The Father of lies deceived us and replaced the truth with his lies.

Deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons

How Do We Build Again on the old foundations ?

#1, Follow God's Word

Matthew 7:24-27

He who hears His Word and does them is like a man who built his house on the rock



Good foundations bring strength and stability.

build again on the old foundations - in your personal life, family, professional life, in your business (if you are a business owner).

We will do so for our local church. We will pray this for our nation.

#2, Depend on the Anointing

One of the results of moving under the anointing is that you will be able to rebuild, restore, raise up:

Isaiah 61:1-4

1 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.

Review

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LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passage: *Isaiah 58:12; Isaiah 61:4*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Discuss these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, Discuss what the Word of the Lord 2018?

2, Share areas where you can apply this to your life, personally in 2018.

3, Where applicable, set some specific goals or action steps you will take towards seeing the Word of the Lord 2018, accomplished in your life.



If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two main learning today and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Within the group, feel free to share areas of emotional healing that may be needed. (Keep all matters confidential). Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*

Close by thanking God together.