

REBUILDING THE CITY OF YOUR SOUL

Building a Better Future – Part Two

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“May the God who gives us peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being — spirit, soul, and body — free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
1 Thess. 5:23 (TEV)

“These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.”

1 Corinthians 10:11 (NIV)

“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple, and that God’s Spirit lives in you?”

1 Corinthians 3:16 (NIV)

“God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

“I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days, I set out BY NIGHT with a few men. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on. BY NIGHT I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Serpent Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King’s Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; so I went up the valley BY NIGHT, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work.”

Nehemiah 2:11-16 (NIV)

• My God _____.

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him — but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.”

1 Cor. 2:9-10 (NIV)

• Comfort means to _____.

“You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and we will no longer be in disgrace.’ . . . And they said, ‘Let us rise up and build.’ So they strengthened their hands for this good work.”

Neh. 2:17-18 (NIV/KJV)

• I strengthen my hands by _____.

“For I know the plans I have for YOU,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Personalize and Pray It

For I know the plans YOU have for ME, Lord, plans to prosper me, not to harm me, plans to give me hope and a future.

In the City of the Soul . . .

• The walls are built out of _____.

“We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”
Romans 8:28 (NLT)

• The gates are built out of _____.

“You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
John 8:32 (NIV)

Truths to Build Your Life On

Lie: You’re worthless.

Truth: “Jesus loves me and gave his life for me.” Galatians 2:20b

Lie: You’re unforgivable.

Truth: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

Lie: You will always be this way.

Truth: “Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

Lie: Who do you think you are?

Truth: “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! . . .”
1 John 3:1

Lie: It’s hopeless.

Truth: “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion. . . .”
Philippians 1:6

Lie: You’re useless.

Truth: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
Philippians 4:13

Lie: God doesn’t love you.

Truth: “I will never leave you, I will never abandon you.”
Hebrews 13:5b

Lie: God doesn’t care.

Truth: “Cast all your care upon him for he cares for you.”
1 Peter 5:7

“Take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

2 Cor. 10:5b (NIV)

• If it doesn’t stand _____, don’t let it _____.

• God will not _____; I cannot _____.

“May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together — spirit, soul, and body — and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The One who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he’ll do it!”

1 Thess. 5:23-24 (MES)