UNDER CONSTRUCTION - Part 2
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I. **Matt 16:13-19**
   A. **The Church is UNDER CONSTRUCTION!** - Jesus: “I will build My church”
      1. **Build** - *oikodomeo* - To be a house builder; to make or construct by combining materials or parts, to build up, strengthen or establish
   B. **3 Key “Abilities” of Building the Church:**
      1. **Ability** - “IN YOU” - Individually
      2. **Availability** - “WITH YOU” - Locally
      3. **Sustainability** - “BIGGER THAN YOU” - Corporately

II. **ABILITY - INDIVIDUALLY - “IN YOU”**
   A. **1 Peter 4:10-11** - Each one has received a gift supplied by God
      1. **Ability** - *ischus* - Possession of the qualities required to do something or get something done; Exceptional capability, with the implication of personal potential; Strength, might, force, power
      2. **Potential** - Existing in possibility: capable of development into actuality
      3. **Potent** - Achieving or bringing about a particular result: Effective
         a) **ABILITY doesn’t always mean ACHIEVEMENT!**
   B. **Matt 25:14-16** - He gave to each according to his own ability
   C. **Matt 25:25-30** - I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground.
      1. Don’t let “Excuses” rob you of the Potential of your Ability (“Ischus”) that is in you!

III. **AVAILABILITY - LOCALLY - “WITH OTHERS”**
   A. **Rom 12:3-6** - We don’t have the same function but we have gifts we need to use!
      1. **Available** - *Webster* - Present or ready for immediate use
      2. **Acts 13:2** - As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul *for the work to which I have called them.*"
      3. **Eph 4:12** - 12 for the **equipping of the saints for the work of ministry**, for the **edifying** of the body of Christ,
      4. **1 Cor 15:58** - 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, **always abounding in the work of the Lord**, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
      5. **Are you AVAILABLE for God’s use?** Are you on the building crew? CREW UP!

IV. **SUSTAINABILITY - Corporately - BIGGER THAN ME**
A. **1 Cor 3:9-15** - You are God’s building; Your reward is attached to the work that endures.

B. **Sustainability** - *Webster* - Maintained at length without interruption or weakening; long lasting, keep up, continue

C. **Fellow workers** - *sunergos* - Working or laboring together closely with someone
   1. *sun* - union; with or together by association, companionship, process
   2. *ergon* - To work or toil

D. **Field** - *georgion* - Field that is actively being cultivated or tilled with emphasis on the involvement of the farmer. Not pasture land

E. **Declare** - *dello* - To make known, plain, manifest; reveal

F. **Test** - *dokimazo* - To try to learn the genuineness of something by examination and testing, often through actual use.

V. **APPLICATION**:

A. What is IN ME that when combined WITH OTHERS produces something BIGGER THAN ME?

B. Do you believe that God has given you ABILITY?

C. Are you satisfied with POTENTIAL or do you desire to become POTENT?

D. Are you AVAILABLE for the work God called you to with others?

E. Are you a part of the CREW or are you a part of the CROWD?

F. Does what you are building your life on have SUSTAINABILITY?