I. **Matt 16:13-19** - You are the church!

A. 3 Parts to building the “church” - I will build the church:
   1. **“IN” You** - Ability
   2. **“WITH” You** - Availability
   3. **“BEYOND” You** - Sustainability

B. **Build** - oikodomeo - To make or construct by combining materials or parts, to build up, strengthen or establish
   1. **Rom 12:4-5** 4 For as we have *many members* in *one body*, but all the members *do not have the same function*, 5 so we, being many, are *one body in Christ*, and *individually members of one another*.
      a) Are you part of the CROWD or part of the CREW?
      b) **John F. Kennedy** - “My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country”
      c) **God doesn’t exist for us but we exist for Him!**

II. **Building the “church” starts by building “IN” YOU!**

A. **Ability** - Build & strengthen your function

B. **First born** - We all have innate natural abilities that have to be developed
   1. Cognitive (mental) abilities
   2. Physical abilities

C. **Born again** - New you that has never existed before is born
   1. **2 Cor 5:17** 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a *new creation*; old things have *passed away*; behold, *all things* have become new.
      a) **Creation** - *ktisis* - Original formation; something created that has not existed before.
      b) **Passed** - *parerchomai* - To cease to exist, pass away
   2. Abilities are built and strengthened by overcoming resistance not in its absence.
   3. What we think is trying to destroy us could actually be building abilities IN US!

III. **The Gates of Hades SHALL NOT prevail against His church**

A. **Prevail** - katischuo - To overcome by superior force, overpower, defeat because of greater strength

B. **Two spiritual kingdoms at work trying to build abilities IN YOU:**
   1. **Gates of Hades** - Power of Death - Kingdom of darkness
   2. **Kingdom of Heaven** - God’s way of doing things

C. **How is a “kingdom” built “IN US”?**
1. **Build** - *oikodomeo* - To make or construct by combining materials or parts, to build up, strengthen or establish.

IV. **Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven - Building the church IN, WITH and BEYOND US**

A. **Keys** - *kleis* - Device used to lock or unlock a locking mechanism
   1. Symbol of power and authority permitting or preventing access.

B. **Bind** - *deo* - To tie, imprison; to exercise authority over something on the basis that it is not legitimate; prohibit, not allow

C. **Loose** - *luo* - To untie, unfasten, set free or release; to exercise authority over something on the basis that it is legitimate; to permit or allow
   1. “will have been bound….will have been loosed”

D. **John 8:31-32** 31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

E. **2 Cor 10:3-5** - Pulling down strongholds

V. **APPLICATION:**

A. Do you know the value of your individual function? Are you building it?
B. Do you know that who you are is more important that what you do?
C. Are you building your spiritual abilities by overcoming resistance?
D. What truths from God do you need to believe about your life to unlock your freedom?