### **UNDER CONSTRUCTION - Part 7**

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- l. Matt 16:13-19
  - A. Jesus wants to build the "church":
    - 1. "IN YOU" Ability
    - 2. "WITH YOU" Availability
    - 3. "BEYOND YOU" Sustainability
  - B. 3 Keys to build the church BEYOND YOU Sustainability
    - 1. Bigger
    - 2. Farther
    - 3. Longer

### II. BIGGER - Think BIGGER because our God is BIGGER!

- A. <u>Jer 32:27</u> 27 "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"
- B. **Eph 3:20** 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us
- C. <u>1 John 4:4</u> 4 You are of God, little children, and have <u>overcome</u> them, because <u>He</u> <u>who is in you is greater</u> than he who is in the world.
  - 1. Overcome nikao To win a victory over, conquer, prevail, triumph
  - 2. Greater megas Big; greater in size or importance or degree
- D. **2 Kings 6:14-17** "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

# III. FARTHER - Stretched beyond OUR limits but not HIS!

- A. <u>Isa 54:2-3</u> 2 <u>Enlarge</u> the place of your tent, And let them <u>stretch</u> out the curtains of your dwellings; <u>Do not spare</u>; Lengthen your cords, And <u>strengthen</u> your stakes. 3 For you shall <u>expand</u> to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited.
  - 1. Enlarge rachab To broaden, become wide or spacious; roomy
  - 2. **Stretch** natah Spread an object out to its full extent beyond what is comfortable
  - 3. **Spare** *chasak* Hold or keep back, refrain, withhold
  - 4. **Strengthen** chazaq Fasten onto, seize with high degree of intensity
  - 5. **Expand** parats To disperse or break out
- B. <u>Gen 13:14-15</u> "Lift your eyes now and <u>look from the place where you are</u> northward, southward, eastward, and westward; 15 for <u>all the land which you see I</u> <u>give to you</u> and your descendants forever."

# IV. LONGER - Spiritual Stamina

- A. <u>Stamina</u> *Webster* The moral or emotional strength to continue with a difficult process, effort, etc. Staying power.
- B. <u>Heb 6:11-12</u> 11 And we desire that each one of you show the <u>same diligence</u> to the full assurance of hope <u>until the end</u>, 12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through <u>faith and patience</u> inherit the promises.
  - 1. <u>Diligence</u> *spoude* To be eager to do something or accomplish some end; zealous, speed, haste.
  - 2. <u>Full assurance</u> *plerophoria* Absolutely sure, certain, firmly persuaded and confident.
  - 3. **Hope** *elpis* Look forward with expectation
- C. <u>Heb 6:15</u> 15 And so, after he had <u>patiently endured</u>, he obtained the promise.
  - Patiently endured makrothumeo Even tempered and patient while enduring trying circumstances
  - 2. Matt 24:13 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

#### **V. APPLICATION:**

- A. What are you facing or surrounded by that seems BIGGER or impossible?
- B. How can you allow God to be BIGGER in your circumstances?
- C. Are you willing to go FARTHER in your walk with God?
- D. Where is He stretching you beyond your comfort zone?
- E. Are you showing the same amount of hope at the end as in the beginning?
- F. How can you use your faith and patience to hold on LONGER to His promise?

G. Are you a part of the CREW or just part of the CROWD?	