



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	Unless the Lord Builds the House - Psalm 127:1	SPEAKER	Ps Philip Huan
THEME	Unless	DATE	8 & 9 October 2022

MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Ps Philip Huan talked about how all of us are metaphorically building our own house in our lives, and questioned what value we build our houses on. Is it money, entertainment or our reputation? Instead of these worldly values, how can we build our house with dependency on the LORD and on His values, to build something that leaves an impact?

HOW TO BUILD OUR HOUSE WITH THE LORD

You are *not* depending on God to build long-term value and legacy when:

- 1. When you work hard for your own family and work goals rather than ask God for His goals**
This could be due to being busy with work, relegating the role to others, parents not having a deep faith personally, or a lack of knowledge. Parents should work hard to build their families, placing it as a priority over their careers and other less important matters. It should be a joint effort to raise children, and parents must put in effort to grow in their personal faith.
- 2. When you depend on authority, structures and boundaries alone rather than take responsibility to live out and voice your God-called values.**
While we thank God for giving Singapore a good government, we must still make it a point to share our God-called values to build our nation. As Jesus said in Matthew 7:24-25, we must build our house on the Rock which is the Word of the LORD. If the Word of God is not in use in your life, it has not impacted you sufficiently.

Depending on God to build long-term value and legacy in us requires:

- 1. God-principles that shape work and family practices.**
- 2. Courage to live out and share your values despite misunderstanding and criticism (1 Peter 3:13-17)**
 - a. Live a life of Christ-Lordship (Christ as your Lord to guide your decisions daily)
 - b. Give thoughtful answers (Be prepared to defend your faith in Christ)
 - c. Honour other people's experience and stance (Gentleness and respect in answering the opposing views of others)
 - d. Desire God's favour rather than Man's (It is better to suffer for God's will over Man's)

CONCLUSION

Success that is not from the Lord is just another failure. Building up a family and our nation may not be easy, but dependency on God should be the top priority for Christians regardless of how difficult it may seem. Trust in God and build your house on His everlasting Word and values.

QUESTIONS

1. Share about a time you prioritised your personal goals over your family. How did it impact your family?

2. How can you have courage to live out and share your values despite misunderstanding and criticism in today's world based on 1 Peter 3:13-17?

3. Reflecting on this sermon, what can you change about the way you live out your life so that you can build your family and our city?