

Building the House by Faith

It was in a vision that the Lord showed me a man standing alone, and an instruction came from heaven saying, “Build me a house!” I noticed behind the man were all the neatly stacked materials needed to do the job, as well as all the tools required. There was also a foundation for the house already laid and ready for building to begin. The man looked up and saw a person walking by and shouted out, “Hey, you, sir, we are building the Lord a house, would you like to come to join and help?” He came over and volunteered to help and was given instructions and tools by the first man. A little while later, a woman was walking by, and the man shouted, “Hey, ma’am, would you like to do the Lord’s work and help us in building Him a house?” She came over and was given specific instructions and tools by the man and she did as instructed. It wasn’t long that there were many people busy as a house was being built from the ground up. Each person was taking their instructions from the original man who heard the instructions from heaven. When the house was finished, it looked perfect, strong, and beautiful. Then, a thunderous and firm voice came forth as the Lord said: “Unless the Lord builds the house, the laborer builds it in vain!”

Psalm 127:1-2

*A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.
Unless the LORD builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it;
Unless the LORD guards the city,
The watchman stays awake in vain.
It is vain for you to rise up early,
To sit up late,
To eat the bread of sorrows;
For so He gives His beloved sleep.*

Then the vision restarted with the exact same scenario, the man was standing there, and the same instructions came forth from heaven, but this time he didn’t attempt to recruit anyone he simply stood still and believed. After a while, a man walked up to him and said: “I am a framer by trade, the Lord spoke to me and told me to come here and work on framing this house.” He picked up the materials from the stack and grabbed the tools needed and began to do what he loved to do. Next, another person came and said they were trained in plumbing and that the Lord had sent them also to help. It wasn’t long that many people were working individually doing different jobs, and the house was built, and it was beautiful.

The Lord then told me that the first example is how most churches operate today in attempting to do a great work for the Lord. He wasn’t displeased with it, but He showed me the differences between the two scenarios. In the first scene, everyone was recruited by the man and given instructions by him each step of the way. He was the one in charge, and everyone answered to him. Yet, in the second part of the vision, the man simply stood still and waited for

the Lord to provide. The ones who came to help were sent there by the Lord Himself, they actually heard God and were following His instructions. The task that they embraced was exactly what they loved to do.

It says in Romans 12:3-5 *“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.”*

Each person simply did what they were called to do, and without any man being in charge, a beautiful house was built. The Lord spoke to me and said this is His true heart for the church today. To have a body of people who can walk side by side, each listening to the Lord themselves, allowing Christ to be their head. Not one person ruling over another but instead working for God as He specifically instructs them.

God has incredible plans for His church in these last days, and that means that He also has incredible plans for you! You are not responsible to know everything about the plan that He has for you. You don't need to lose sleep with worry about the future because that is in His hands. There are no limits on your walk with Him and no end to the value that He sees of you in His Body. Ephesians 4:14-16 *“that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”*

Each of us has a part to play in His plan. It is unique, wonderful, and powerful. The more I realize how much he believes in my future the more I am humbled by His love. He believes in your future and wants you to believe that He believes in you even if you don't see why. Let's launch into this year preparing ourselves through His wisdom for what is coming, let's spend time in worship, praying in the Holy Spirit and in the Word of God. So when the time comes, we can step up and say, “The Lord has sent me!”

ALAN TAYLOR

P O BOX 700623; TULSA, OK 74170-0623

918-447-8951

alantaylorministries.org