DESTINY TRAINING LEVEL 1
MODULE 2
CLASS 03

FIRM FOUNDATION

Biblical Reference: "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it" (Matthew 16:18).

I. CLASS OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this class are:

1. To recognize Jesus as the only foundation upon which the church is built.
2. To recognize some of the fundamental characteristics of the church of God.
3. To be inspired to be a witness to the world for Christ.
4. To understand a variety of ways you can demonstrate your love for people.

II. LESSON: FIRM FOUNDATION

A. Jesus, the Cornerstone of the Church

Matthew 16:13-18 (NKJV)
When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and flood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ was established on a firm foundation. Jesus Christ is the Cornerstone upon which the weight of this building rests. "Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the Chief Cornerstone."

1. Jesus is the Christ (the Anointed One and His Anointing). In the passage we just read, Jesus wanted to know how His influence was developing within the community.

2. Jesus included the disciples in building the Church. He ensured them that His Church would prevail through all adversity! The disciples were empowered to do the works that Jesus did and to spread the good news of the Gospel.

B. Paying the Price

Mark 3:13-15 (NKJV)
And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him, and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons.

1. Before Jesus sent the twelve out to preach and reach the world, He first wanted them to be "with" Him. They were first hand witnesses of the miracles that Jesus demonstrated. They saw Jesus' love toward everyone from different walks of life. He healed the sick and set the captives free. Jesus modeled for us what it means to "love people back to life."

2. In order for world revival to take place, God needs our participation. There is no greater privilege than knowing that you are involved in ushering in a powerful move of God's spirit upon your city. These classes help equip us to be effective ministers.

C. Being Fervent Witnesses

Habakkuk 2:14 (NKJV)
For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

1. God wants to use believers as burning torches, to carry His fire of revival to different places in the world. Jesus started by molding and shaping the lives of twelve men who were passionate for the things of God.

2. God has already declared the end from the beginning, "Worldwide Revival!" The question is, will you participate and do your part?

D. Loving the Sheep

John 1:29 (NKJV)
The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

1. There has never been, nor will there ever be, any hope for mankind apart from Jesus. He set out to save us, paying a high price by shedding His blood on the Cross

2. It is our responsibility to take His vision and reproduce it in others, sharing His message of salvation.

III. CONCLUSION

Acts 26:19-22 (NKJV)
Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance. For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great…

Vision involves having a clear image of what God wants to do. He reveals to us the purpose that He has for our lives. The Apostle Paul was committed to seeing God's vision fulfilled in his life no matter what adversity he faced. That is why he made such a tremendous impact in his generation.

In order for you to fulfill your maximum potential, you need to answer the call of God on your life regarding the Heavenly Vision!

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