

HOMECCELL NOTES

BUILDING YOURSELVES UP (PART 3)

3 November 2024

WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell whether online or physical.
If HC is on Zoom only - do an Icebreaker on WhatsApp ± 15 minutes before Zoom cell.
If HC is physical – do an Icebreaker for approx. 10 minutes at start of HC.

WORSHIP

If HC is physical -1 Praise & 2 Worship. End Worship 2 in prayer.
If ZOOM only - Challenge cell members to spend a few minutes in Worship before your
ZOOM/Online Homecell starts.

WORD

Jude 1:20-23 NKJV

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

Ask a HC member to read Matthew 16:18 and 1 Peter 2:5.

Question 1:

Based on these scriptures and what Pastor Aidan mentioned on Sunday, what's the difference between the foundation of Old Covenant and the foundation of Christ in the New Covenant?

OLD COVENANT	NEW COVENANT
Behaviour controlled foundation.	Identity changed foundation.
The foundation of your faith was built upon your own works in keeping the Law	The foundation of our faith is the revelation of Christ, our Rock.
You had to do things for God to earn your right standing with Him and please Him.	Jesus has earned our right standing with God, through believing in Him God is pleased with us.
You had to make promises to God and not break those promises based on your own ability.	God has sent the promise of His son, now we rest on what He has done.
It was a burden and a weight impossible to keep and build your life up from.	Jesus came to redeem those under the Law, now we are led by His Spirit.

**The call of Christ is a call that takes you up. Building yourselves up, not breaking yourself down.
- Pastor Aidan Jeffery**

Ask a HC member to read **Philippians 3:14, Proverbs 15:24, and Philippians 4:13.**

Question 2:

Because we are called to build ourselves up upon the solid foundation of Jesus Christ, what are some things that break us down instead?

- Being led by our emotions and not by the Spirit of God.
- Having a negative mindset that hinders our growth.
- Still wanting to use the guard rails of the Law to try and perfect yourself.
- Believing in the accusations of the enemy.
- Having a poor image of who Jesus truly is.
- Allowing ourselves to be distracted and busy by many things we do not build ourselves up on personal time with God.

Ask a HC member to read **Ephesians 3:16, Galatians 5:22-23 and John 15:1-5**

Question 3:

What misunderstanding have we adopted about bearing fruit in our lives and how do we truly bear this fruit instead?

- We believe that it is our own responsibility to bear fruit in our lives for God.
- If God is spirit, then it is His fruit that is being produced and not our own.
- If Christ is the vine and we are the branches, we can only produce the fruit of the vine we are attached to, for branches cannot produce its own fruit.
- He is then the one who produces His own fruit in us.
- He empowers us and strengthens us through His Spirit to produce His fruit, if we allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit.

Question 4:

What are some practical ways that we can allow God to produce His fruit in us and build ourselves up in Him?

- Get acquainted with the fruit by reading His Word and learning about His character.
- Identify which fruits and characteristics you may be lacking in.
- Ask God to help you build on where you are lacking.
- Remove negative thinking and develop a positive mind based on His Word and promises.
- Allow God to teach you how to react differently in certain situations.
- Master your emotions so you aren't led by them but are led by the Holy Spirit.
- Listen to the direction of the Holy Spirit and not your fleshly desires.

Question 5:

What are you some areas in your life that you are still expecting God to build you up in? If you have a testimony of how you have built yourself up in Him, share it in the Homecell.

WORKS

1. **PRAYER** - Take time to pray for (1) lost & prodigals on your prayer or target lists (2) One another (lay hands 1-1 or groups of 2-3)
2. **CARE** - As a HC, identify urgent needs (among people in your immediate world) - food needs, people who are staying alone, marriage challenges, financial needs, business, career, employment needs, emotional needs etc.). How can we meet those needs?
3. **DISCIPLESHIP** - Equip HC in Basic Doctrine (Water Baptism, Tongues, Serving, Giving, Honour, Vision)

4. EVANGELISM - Equip HC in reaching their world (Build relationship with Oikos, Identify Man of Peace, Share Your Verbal Witness, Invite to Church & HC)

NB* When there are First Time Visitors - ALTARCALL - The main reason for having homecell is to get people saved! #WinTheLostAtAnyCost

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Isaiah 32:8 NLT

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