



**Sunday August 19, 2018**  
**REBUILD TO IMPACT!**  
*(A relook at the WoTL 2018)*

**A brief review of the Word of the Lord for 2018**

**Isaiah 58:12 (Good News Bible)**

**Your people will rebuild what has long been in ruins, building again on the old foundations. You will be known as the people who rebuilt the walls, who restored the ruined houses."**

The picture here is of a city with homes lying in ruins. But God is promising His people that they will be able to rebuild again on the foundations that are still there. His people will be known as those who repair, rebuild, restore and raise-up what was left in ruins.

**The Instruction**

***Build Again on Old Foundations***

**Two-Fold Promise**

***#1, You will see things raised up in their original state of glory and even better.***

***#2, You will be known as a people who repair, rebuild, raise up and restore***

*God is calling us to raise up, restore and build again on the old foundations so that what has been laid in ruins will be rebuilt, restored and raised up to their original state of glory and even better.*

We apply this to different areas of our lives individually and collectively:

- **Personal walk with God**  
Get back to the old foundations of personal time with God, of seeking God in private through prayer and the Word. Walk away from the 'feel-good' phenomena that has swept the Christian world and lulled the church worldwide into lethargy, complacency and ineffectiveness
- **Marriage and Family**  
Seeking Him together in prayer, raising up a Godly home and children, living together as a family for the purposes of God. Don't let lack or abundance cause you to deviate from what you originally committed to God before for your marriage and family
- **Professional life or Business**  
Get back to the old foundations of why you are in the marketplace and whom you are serving, of being a faithful employee of the Lord first and foremost. Don't let success or failure ruin your life.  
In business, get back to the old foundations of doing business with integrity, fairness and for the good of all involved. Get back to the original intent with which God moved you to step out into your field of work.
- **In our life as a local church:** The book of Acts reveals to us what God intended for the Church. We see a Church raised up on the Word of God (the teaching of the apostles) and the work of the Holy Spirit. Such a Church affected the entire city of Jerusalem and many



other cities. We desire to continue to build on these foundations so that in our day we can impact our city and cities across the nation.

- **In our ministry to others:** God will use many of us in this manner to help people build again on old foundations. Identify areas that God wants you to be involved, where God wants you to step in and say, what lies in ruins, will be rebuilt and restored. And then in order to see this happen, choose to guide people back to the old foundations.
- **Governments & Nations:** Pray that there will be a recognition that a strong nation can only be built on the age old foundations of integrity, righteousness, justice and equality.

### **What caused things to be ruined?**

- 1) Our neglect – not being careful, not watchful to stay with the old foundations
- 2) Our waywardness – straying away from the old foundations
- 3) The enemy – The father of lies deceived us and replaced the truth with his lies.

### **So, How do we build again on old foundations?**

- 1) Follow the original design – God’s Word (Matthew 7:24-27)
- 2) Depend on the anointing – the person and work of the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 61:1-4)

*Here are some learnings from the books of Nehemiah (Rebuilding the wall) and Ezra (Rebuilding the temple).*

*As we go about building on old foundations,*

- 1) We receive God’s favour (Neh 1:8, 18)
- 2) We receive His resources
- 3) We receive encouragement from others who are like-minded (Neh 1:18)
- 4) Enemies rise up and react (laugh, mock, conspire to attack, discourage) at different stages of rebuilding. (Neh 1:19, 4:1,7,8)
- 5) We pray (Ezra 5:1, 6:14) | We stand guard | We continue building.

*Here are some learnings from the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13, Mark 4)*

1. *Wayside* - *The Word is stolen*
2. *Stony Ground* - *The Word is not rooted*
3. *Thorny Ground* - *The Word is choked*
4. *Good Ground* - *The Word bears fruit*



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

### **Preparation**

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at [apcwo.org/sermons](http://apcwo.org/sermons) . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

### **Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

### **LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture passages: *Isaiah 58:12, Isaiah 61:1-4, Mark 4:1-20*

### **INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights (It is alright if you cannot cover all the questions. Select a few of these questions for your discussion). We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*Discuss and share your personal experience/ journey till date in applying the Word of the Lord for 2018 in the different areas that are listed.*

*Share some of the challenges faced and overcome while applying the Word of the Lord for 2018.*

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.



**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1) *Every family represented in the life group – for the fulfillment of God's Word*

Close by thanking God together.