

Time to reflect:



**YOU ARE
HERE!**

2016

Hope, Faith, Future.. past

2016 At a Glance:

ACTIVATE SUNDAY VISION

2016: 'GOD'S BUILDING'

Habakkuk 2:2(ESV)

And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets, so he may run who
reads it."

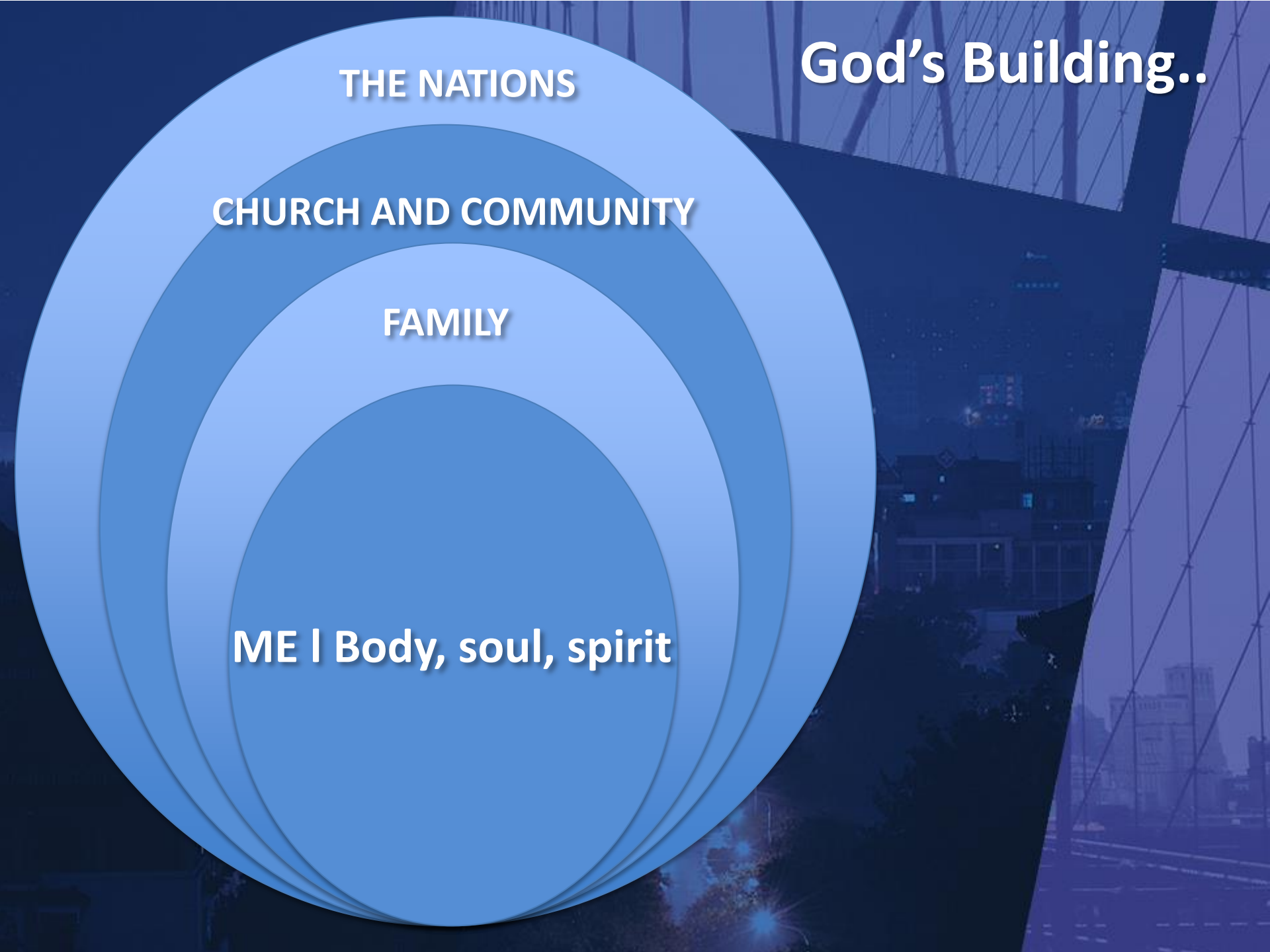
God's Building..

THE NATIONS

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

FAMILY

ME | Body, soul, spirit





Plugged Into His Plans

Psalm 127 (HCSB)

The Blessing of the Lord

¹ Unless the Lord builds a house,
its builders labour over it in vain;
unless the Lord watches over a city,
the watchman stays alert in vain.

² In vain you get up early and stay up
late, working hard to have enough
food—yes, He gives sleep to the one He
loves.

The background of the slide is a composite image. On the left, there are several sheets of architectural blueprints in white lines on a dark blue background. The blueprints show various floor plans, including a 'ROOF' plan, a 'SECOND FLOOR' plan, and a 'FIRST FLOOR' plan for 'STAIR N°2'. Specific details are labeled 'DETAIL 1-1' and 'DETAIL 2-2'. On the right, there is a blurred, high-angle view of a modern building's interior, showing a curved glass and metal structure with warm, glowing lights. The overall aesthetic is professional and architectural.

#SeekFirst

Matthew 6:33

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.

Unpacking #SeekFirst..

Key ONE | WISDOM

Key TWO | The KINGDOM

Key THREE | KING & KINGDOM

Key FOUR | The KINGDOM IS AT HAND

Key FIVE | FRESH BREAD

Key SIX | The Holy Spirit

Key SEVEN | Thankful Heart

Key EIGHT | The GOOD Shepherd

Today's #SeekFirst key is a

CHILDLIKENESS

...the essence to
Kingdom living

2. Childlike | Essence to Kingdom living:

Testimony

Matthew 6:24 (HCSB)

“No one can be a slave of two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot be slaves of God and of money.

Simply put: **YOUR GOD..**

2.1 Definitions:

CHILDLIKE 1. : resembling, suggesting, or appropriate to a child or childhood; especially : marked by innocence, trust, and ingenuousness <childlike delight>

Childlikeness – BIBLEGATEWAY I An attitude of simple trust and faith, to be distinguished from childishness. It is commended by Scripture as an appropriate attitude for the believer to take towards God.

God treats his people like HIS children

2.2 Scripture:

Matthew 18:1

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

When seeking, **CHILDLIKENESS IS THE KEY TO THE DOOR OF THE KINGDOM**

- ✓ **Scripture context: GREATEST**
- ✓ **'Turn'**
- ✓ **'Converted': [KJV] - to twist, that is, turn quite around or reverse (literally or figuratively): - convert, turn (again, back again, self, self about)**

3. Let's Learn from the Kids:

Children are...?

Luke 10:21

In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

3.1 HUMILITY:

Luke 9:47 But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side 48 and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great."

Psalms 103:13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

3.2 COMPLETE DEPENDENCE

Galatians 4:4 When the time came to completion, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba, Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

crying: ‘Abba Father’

3.3 TRUST

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. 8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

3.4 OBEDIENCE

1Peter 1:14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

HOLY = ...



3.5 INNOCENCE

Mark 10:13 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 15 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

Matt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God

3.6 IN RELATIONSHIP

Children by blood not performance

[MSG] Galatians 4 But when the time arrived that was set by God the Father, God sent his Son, born among us of a woman, born under the conditions of the law so that he might redeem those of us who have been kidnapped by the law. Thus we have been set free to experience our rightful heritage.

You can tell for sure that you are now fully adopted as his own children because God sent the Spirit of his Son into our lives crying out, “Papa! Father!” Doesn’t that privilege of intimate conversation with God make it plain that you are not a slave, but a child? And if you are a child, you’re also an heir, with complete access to the inheritance.

3.7 IMMITATORS

Ephesians 5:1

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.
2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Imitate Christ



3.8 NOT OVERCOMPLICATED

Romans 8:13

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"**

