

Sacred Space Solid Foundation

The Gospel of Matthew Series (and John)

PREPARATION

You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.

²⁰ **Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.** ²¹ **We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.** Ephesians 2

ADORATION and GRATITUDE

³⁰ God's way is perfect.

All the Lord's promises prove true.

He is a shield for all who look to him for protection.

³¹ **For who is God except the Lord?
Who but our God is a solid rock?**

³² God arms me with strength,
and he makes my way perfect. Psalms 18

CONFESSION

¹² Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters.

Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God.

¹³ You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. Hebrews 3

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION — Matthew 16

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

¹⁵ Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. ¹⁸ Now I say to you

PRACTICE: IN SOLITUDE OR COMMUNITY

Read Slowly, several times.

Reflect How do I relate to this?

Respond What is my next step of obedience?

Rest Receive God's healing and renewal.

that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

ANCHORING PRAYER *"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."*

REVIEW OF THE HEART

- *Who is Jesus to me?*
- *How has my perception of Christ affected those around me?*

WISDOM

For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, "The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone." Acts 4:11

Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." And he went away, weeping bitterly. Matthew 26:75

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, others, and me.*

CLOSING PRAYER

And now our Father, just as we accepted Christ Jesus as our Lord, we will continue to follow him. May our roots grow down into him, and may our lives be built on him. Then our faith will grow strong in the truth we were taught, and we will overflow with thankfulness. Amen. Colossians 2:6-7 (adaptation)

SACRED SPACE EVERY DAY

Become still and quiet before God.

Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Pray for the Sacred Space Community.

Minister from a listening heart.