Foundations for 2020 Vision

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Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

PHILIPPIANS 3:12

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

PHILIPPIANS 3:13

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 3:14

All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

PHILIPPIANS 3:15

Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

PHILIPPIANS 3:16







Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."

JAMES 4:13

Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

JAMES 4:14

Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

JAMES 4:15



The Foundational Choice





"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

"But everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand."

"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

















Jesus makes clear that only storms reveal the quality of the work of the two builders.

"Those who pretend to have faith, who have a merely intellectual commitment, or who enjoy Jesus in small doses, are foolish builders."

D.A. CARSON

"When the storms of life come, their structures fool no one, above all not God."

D.A. CARSON



The Foundational Commitments

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...to the Word of God

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,

2 TIMOTHY 3:14

and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 TIMOTHY 3:15

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

2 TIMOTHY 3:16

so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 TIMOTHY 3:17

...to the Son of God

"You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about Me,"

JOHN 5:39

"yet you refuse to come to Me to have life."

JOHN 5:40

"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever —"

JOHN 14:16

"the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you."

JOHN 14:17

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

JOHN 14:18

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

JOHN 14:26

...to the People of God

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

HEBREWS 10:23

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,

HEBREWS 10:24

not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

HEBREWS 10:25

...to the Mission of God

He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,"

LUKE 24:46

"and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

LUKE 24:47

"You are witnesses of these things."

LUKE 24:48

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8











The foundation we possess prepares us to survive and thrive in the unknown future.



