

## Psalm 127:

When God builds He builds for permanence and builds three ways

### 1. Revelatory - That GOD builds UPON! Matt 16:16

- Peters revelation was the basis of the Church
- It is only upon this revelation that we are a Family
- This is the Rock of Revelation, Not peters name!

### 2. Relation-ary 1Cor 12:12

- Joined as a family not dis-jointed but many members one body
- House is people not Building Psalm 23:6 Mark 3:25 (divided )
- God gives cities to families not individuals
- Family is God's Living epistle to world 2 cor 3:2

### 3. Generationally

- God of Abraham , Isaac , Jacob
- Growth and maturity comes as we relate to others
- As Moses was faithful Heb 3:1
- We think the highest level in the Kingdom is to be a SERVANT!
- SERVANTS AND SLAVES SERVE- the difference is ATTITUDE
- **Hebrews model of Maturity is:**
- Relationships not as the Greeks saw maturity as knowledge
- Maturity is a matter of Attitude / spirit Rom 8:14-19
- God builds by adding not swapping / Franchising Acts 2:41; 47
- O. T. Prophets were Servants ( couldn't Build Church on them )
- New Testament is Sons (we can build church on them!)
- Gods answer was to send a Son not a servant (Gal 4:4)
- How you serve IN THE KINGDOM / CHURCH is based on how you see yourself

## 1 Samuel 1 Background

- Elkanah had two wives Hannah & Penninah. (Hannah/barren Penninah/not)
- Hannah was given double the meat to offer (a double portion for he loved her)
- Penninah tormented and mocked Hannah every year about her barren-ness.
- Eli the priest thought she was drunk
- She appealed to him for a blessing and she was given one
- V10 she made a vow based on what she didn't have yet

1 Samuel 2:18 But Samuel was ministering before the LORD--a boy wearing a linen ephod. 19 Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. 20 Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, "May the LORD give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the LORD." Then they would go home. 21 And the LORD was gracious to Hannah; she conceived and gave birth to **three** sons and **two** daughters. **Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD.**

**Background:** Barren, Pleaded with God for a son, Promised to give him back to God for His Purposes - You Can't OUTGIVE GOD.

## How often or how easy is it for us to offer to give something up that we don't have?

-Finances, -Possessions, -Career, -Location, -Relationship

### “If you get me out of this mess God I will never again do this”?

- Me and driving offense
- Maybe caught in a compromising position
- If I was rich I would give without question to the Kingdom?
- Faithful with a little is faithful with much (SCRIPTURE)

### God heard her plea-not only gave her a child but the child she wanted (faithful precise)

- As the day/ year approached her commitment to God was tested.
- God didn't make her do it, but her promise **was endowed with potential for us!**

### **A dream or vision needs more than a willing heart**

- It requires passionately guarding and tending,
- regular maintenance, and prayer (In this instance it came in the form of a son, **but could just as easily be: A ministry, A gift, or A church or A business).**

### **There are several keys that we all need to learn from this instance**

- Mother brought a new coat every year -
- Despite his being given over to ministry, there was a need for practical caring and nurturing.

### KEY ONE: It's the nature of Gods kingdom that we **CONTINUE** to grow each year

#### ***The PRINCIPLE of INVESTMENT***

1. We should position ourselves to grow each year, farmers do that naturally, but spiritually?
2. Change is written into the fabric of life, ignoring it will be the death of the church

**Proverbs 11:24** One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

- "When was the last time, we did something for the first time"?
- HERITAGE - makes us what we are, but how we fulfill that is down to **CHOICE**
- Farming is surrounded by the need for an investment mentality
- Crops are sown each year based on the fruitfulness and proven capacity to grow well, despite ever virulent disease
- Livestock is chosen on the basis of its fruitfulness and resistance to hardship
- You only need to go to a bloodstock sale to see people investing in **POTENTIAL**

Train up a child in the way they should go is all about **character** not path! (scripture)

- ***Fathers – “We may be parents to our children but we are not their God”***

**One of the strengths of a good parent is passing on experience**

One of the weaknesses of a good parent is passing on experience

‘DAVID AND GOLIATH’ (the armies experience was a hindrance to Gods plan)

**KEY TWO: It's the nature of Gods kingdom we develop fresh strategies each year**

***The PRINCIPLE of DNA (good seed)***

We had a Border collie dog – wouldn't drink. Took to vet he said put the hose on and watch! Through DNA this animal knew how to drink (wasn't trained that way)

I COME from a long line of artists:

- Great grandfather musician and writer
- Grandfather poet and singer
- Father musician and painter (frustrated couldn't write)
- My dad always used to say that he couldn't understand why his kids had no artistic talent

Until he saw my work as a chef- Buffets and carvings  
- Preaching and teaching  
- Writing and GRAPHIC design

You see, the seed was always within me, but it expressed itself in different ways

The fundamental responsibility for good parenting like Hannah is:

- Nurturing
- Protection
- And TRUSTING IN THE DNA

**This church** has been conceived with good seed  
Over the years it has been provided with good nurturing and protection  
Its time to trust in the DNA.

**1 PETER 1:23** *For you have been born again, not of perishable seed , but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.*

- **The world and CHURCH is faced with a dilemma.**
  1. Our kids are faced with new technological change everyday!
  2. Not a year goes by that they don't have to adapt to new forms of communication
  3. The world is now actually a GLOBAL village.

The advent of the Internet allows access to information instantly from anywhere on earth

Cities are growing at the rate of bursting point (global phenomena)  
IN NZ unto 1960 - 80% of the population lived in a rural community and 20% in cities  
BY 1990 80% OF PEOPLE LIVED IN cities AND 20% Living in a rural community

**To date, over one third of the population lives in Auckland. ONE SUPER CITY!**

- **What has changed?**

1. What we took as a privilege in our lifetime is NOW SEEN as a RIGHT
2. This generation **won't** wait for the future to enjoy a quality of life, they want it **now**
3. I was brought up with a philosophy of "If you can't afford it you can't have it"
  - **A television was a community project**
  - A car was never known in my family and neither of my parents has ever driven
  - Holidays were taken in the same location every year at the same time.
  - We never left the DISTRICT let alone the country.
  - **I was the first of my family to go on a plane - travel overseas and settle - To pass my license and own a car**
  - My children to date, have circled the world at least **three times**
  - Nearly all drive and had cars by the age of eighteen
  - Have degrees and careers not jobs.
  - Have a **WORLD** view of life, AND NOT a **VILLAGE** view

**We may live in a village, but we need a WORLD View of Gods Kingdom**  
**What am I saying?**

DNA always comes through if we let it, but it may well express itself differently to what we imagine or hope.

**There is good root stock in this Church**

- How do I know? God told me! That's why I am here today
- There is sufficient DNA to touch a greater community than ever before
- You stand on the brink of **WRITING A NEW CHAPTER IN HISTORY**

The Japanese have a tradition of binding a young girls feet in order to keep them small

**The church for centuries has unknowingly kept the feet of congregations bound**

- Small feet Effect **BALANCE-DIRECTION-SPEED** or **THE GROUND** covered
- They may look neat and petite, but the church was charged with a "Go" vision
- Samuels Mother turned her son over to the prophet (A type of God)
- Samuel was trained in the ways of GOD (Church)

**But he developed his hearing through DNA (Personal Relationship)**

- Maybe you as a parent **HAVE** given your kids the DNA required

**It's my hope as a dad that my kids:**

**GO FURTHER THAN I**  
**POSSESS MORE THAN I**  
**ACHEIVE MORE THAN I**  
**EXPRESS MORE THAN I**  
**REACH MORE THAN I**  
**INVEST MORE THAN I**  
**PRODUCE MORE THAN I**

- But I will always be thankful for the DNA that GOD gave me, and I gave them.

Maybe some of you are wearing a jacket far too **small** for you.  
Maybe some of you need to change the **seed** you have been sowing  
Maybe some of you have never really understood the **DNA** that lies within you  
Maybe some of you have lived with **bound feet** and IT'S time to let them grow

**Genesis 1:11** Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed -bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with **seed in it**, according to their various kinds." And it was so. 12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed **according to their kinds** and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

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**John 10:10** "I came that you would have life and life to the full"

I want to appeal to the **DNA** that is inside your life today through Christ?

I want to appeal to those who aren't **sure** they have that DNA

I want to appeal to those who want fresh incorruptible **seed**