

I will Build My Church

1. Exodus 25:8 Offering / willingly / build. The OT was physical, the NT is spiritual. The flesh can't accomplish anything Spiritual.
2. Matthew 16:13-20
3. Caesarea Philippi - The Biblical backstory
 - a. Part of the Golan Heights
 - b. King Og of Bashan-giant
 - c. 1 Enoch 200 watchers
 - d. The center of Pan worship
 - e. The entrance to the underworld : Hades / natural gas vent - Ancients called it the Gates of Hell (Hades)
 - f. Possibly the Mount of transfiguration.
4. Matthew 16:13-20
 - a. Who do men say I am? The flesh has opinions, but God gives revelation
 - b. Building on the Rock Peter/Petra
5. I will Build My church.
 - a. CHURCH: what is Christ building?
 - i. Church - Ecclesia - called out ones - always people, never building or organization
 - ii. The Body of Christ on Earth
 - b. MY
 - i. The church belongs to Jesus. He is the Head Ephesians 1:22-23
 - ii. He will not build your church or my church.
 - iii. The church is not a sandbox to play at your ministry
 - iv. Power struggles within churches are one if the worst offenses to God.
 - c. BUILD
 - i. Building is the process of taking raw materials and forming and fitting them together into a single unit. SYNERGY. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Christian multiplication. 1/1000, 2/10,000
 - ii. No prefab
 - iii. There's blueprint for building Exodus 25:8-9
 - iv. Living stones built 1 Peter 2:5
 - v. The Bodu of Christ 1 Corinthians 12:12-14
 - d. WILL
 - i. Absolute reality
 - ii. The question is not, "Will there be a church triumphant." The question is, "Will you be a part of it."
 - e. I
 - i. Jesus assumes responsibility for building his Church.
 - ii. Jesus invites us to cooperate with Him in the building of his church John 15, without me you can do nothing