

# **GRACE BUILT**

## **Part 1: Building Strong**

**Text: Acts 20:32 NKJ**

### **WHAT ARE YOU BUILDING YOUR LIFE UPON?**

- A. Consciously or unconsciously our lives are built on various factors
  - 1. Past experiences - successes, failures, the good and the bad
  - 2. Self image - What you tell yourself about yourself
  - 3. What you do that gives you purpose and/or value
  - 4. What you identify with - single, parent, spouse, friend

### **BUILDING ON SOMETHING STRONGER**

- A. Looking beyond what is seen **(2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NKJ)**
  - 1. Beyond the outward man
  - 2. A emphasis on the inward man - the unseen part of us
  - 3. All the things we can see around us are temporary
  - 4. So our focus and attention can't be limited to the temporary
- B. John the Baptist's example **(John 1:19-23 NKJ)**
  - 1. John was pressured to define himself
  - 2. John knew who he was not
  - 3. John defined himself with the scriptures

### **WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT YOURSELF?**

- A. Know who you are not
  - 1. Not the savior, not the person with all the answers
  - 2. Not weak, not forsaken, not deficient
- B. Know who you are
  - 1. Not limited to an external meets the eye perspective
  - 2. From the perspective of what the scriptures say about you
  - 3. Speaking from the perspective of the word of His grace
- C. I am... **(Ephesians 2:4-10 NKJ)**
  - 1. Loved by God
  - 2. I am alive to God
  - 3. Raised and seated with Him in heavenly places
  - 4. Saved by His grace
  - 5. His workmanship created for good works