

## **Faith Life Weekly**

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### **Reflection:**

Consider the work of the Master Builder. When you build a house one of the first steps is to work out the design. You need to go over every nook and cranny. There is the sizes of the rooms, where the windows and the doors will be placed, the amount of insulation that will be placed in the rooms, where the bathrooms will be located, and how high the ceilings will be. This is just a beginning. There are the footings to worry about, to make sure that they get placed at the right depth so as to prevent a sinking of the house into the ground, and then there is the need for tubing around the edge and drain holes- sump holes so as to prevent water creeping into the house upon heavy rainfalls. This is just a beginning. The home builder has to mark out the wiring, where the outlets will be placed, where the heat ducts will go, where the water pipes are to be located, and where the light fixtures will be attached, not too mention all of the finish work inside. Once all of these decisions are made they are set to a final blueprint. The home builder signs off on the plan. You need to be sure that it is all measuring up just the way that you had imagined it.

Next comes the building. The entire process depends on the degree to which the builders follow the plans of the blueprints, the master plan.

Consider the work of the Master Builder in your life, what God had in store for you. God has a blueprint in mind. God has a master plan for you. Now there are certainly adjustments, checks, changes, and different routes to the plan along the way as any seasoned adult will tell you, but here's the thing - as home builders will tell you, when you simply disregard the plan, or deviate from it in large and significant ways, you create an unstable structure that could come crashing down. And when that happens in our faith life we need to cling to the hope that we have in God who is the Master Builder. God is always ready to help us rebuild if the need arises. And if it is too late for Master Plan A then right around the corner God has a whole new blueprint in store for us with all the window and door placements, the electrical outlets, heats ducts, the footings and rafters of Master Plan B.

How about that?

The scriptures say it this way:

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you." – Psalm 32:8

### **Song:**

"Build Up"

The Music Group Dakota Road Music has a song entitled "Build Up". Here are the lines to the chorus:  
"Build up, Prepare the way. Remove the obstructions from my people's way. Build up, Prepare the way. God is near, God is here today."

### **Prayer:**

"God, I will look to you as the architect of my life. Help me build wisely, according to your Master Plan. Amen."

(Parts of the devotion from a book entitled, Moments of Peace in the Presence of God)

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