**Notes**

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**Love Life &**

**See Good Days**

Part 4

“God’s Ways”

Welcome

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*(Part 4: God’s Ways)*

**Psalm 103:7**

*He made known His* ***ways*** *to Moses,*

*His* ***acts*** *to the children of Israel*

Know His ways…and cooperate with Him (1 Corinthians 2:12)

**‘The divine equation’ (w=g+f)**

When His sovereignty is connected to our faith, things happen.

**Ephesians 2:8-10**

**Avoid extremes:**

*“If it’s to be, it’s up to me”*  Vs  *“God is sovereign”*

**Paul (in prison) saw things to come**

**Philippians 3:12** We press on by and in faith…which involves ‘receiving’ (in a continuous sense) the abundance of God’s grace.

**4 key ways of God:**

Jesus called His disciples into an:

 Up close and personal **relationship**

 He shaped their **character** to be vessels to contain His glory

 He **equipped** them with power, authority and gifting

 He **released** them into meaningful mission

1. **Relationship (Matthew 4:18)**

In order to **become**, you have to **belong** first.

1. **In service ‘character’ training (Luke 10:17-20)**

It’s a process through time…chip, chip, chip.

God uses both the bad and good things that happen in life to conform us to the image of His son. (Romans 8:28-29)

To ‘humble yourself under the mighty hand of God’ is not to begrudgingly resign yourself to ‘whatever’…but to come under His mighty hand intent to raise you up! **(1 Peter 5:6-7)**

The ministry of the Holy Spirit, and through the 5 fold ministry:

Apostles/ Prophets / Evangelists / Pastors / Teachers

1. **Empowers & equips them for service**

Then He gave them authority: ‘permission’ & ‘power’ (**Luke 9:1 / Luke 10:1)**

1. **Fits us into place to function in His church (Matt 16:18- 19)**

Personal involvement / promise of success / participation & power.

If you’re going to build, for heaven’s sake build on the rock

**Matthew 7:24-27** – hear & do the Word and stand in times of trial

**Building process:**

*A heap of stones or bricks is not a building:*

*Stones / bricks are placed in a specific place and purpose…*

 *…after being ‘shaped’ and ‘fitted together,* ***and*** *based on the cornerstone.*

**(Picture of actual cornerstone on Temple Mount in Jerusalem)**

**Final Take away & Communion**

He wants you to know and cooperate with His ways.

He who has begun a good work in us, will see it to completion.

**Philippians 1:6**

*“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus”*