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## Change

### Part 3 – You Don't Have to be Unsettled

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Today we are in part three of a series we're doing called *Change*. This message is a work in progress. Are you okay with that? I worked out a little bit of it at 8:30 and will hopefully work out more of it in this one. If I can be very honest with you, this is a message I've lost a lot of sleep over the last month. You can ask Amy. Just getting news of friends of mine that are falling away not from moral failure, but from just living an unsettled life towards the truth of God's word. Friends tell me, "You know, I know I believed this up to this point, but I've changed my mind. I'm not settled on this issue or that issue."

Amy and I do devotions separately. We usually bring things back to one another that we've heard or read. Amy shared something with me yesterday that she read in a devotional off the Bible app and said, "Can I just read this? Does this sound right to you?"

I said, "That's someone who is wanting to be real and authentic and vulnerable and transparent, and they've allowed that to run ahead of the truth."

For me, it's caused this sadness and more than just as a pastor, but also as a dad of a 13 and 15-year-old wanting to make sure that I'm teaching them how to build their lives upon the rock of Christ Jesus. And all God's people said... Amen. I want them to know that they can be vocal and certain and follow truth and have authority in their life and not sacrifice transparency, vulnerability, and authenticity, and they can still move forward in their faith. I struggled with this one quite a bit.

I get that I'm not the hippest, coolest guy on the planet. How many of you parents know you're not the hippest, coolest people on the planet and you have teenagers that remind you of that quite often? I have a 13 and a 15-year-old that remind me I'm not cool. It's why I love saying things to them like, "That's lit!" I love doing that to my kids. Grandma and Grandpa, you don't even know what I just said. But, the next time your grandchildren call you to share something cool, just respond with, "That's lit!" I think that would just be awesome for them to hear that from you.

Sometimes when they're messing with me for not being cool or making fun of the music that I listen to, I have a gift. I believe the Lord gave me this gift. I can turn any song into a country song. I like to ruin my children's music with this gift every chance I get. We have a very eclectic family. My son loves Frank Sinatra. He loves the old-time music. My daughter has eclectic taste. Whenever they are messing with me for being the old guy in the house, I just like to sing some of the songs they're listening to in a country format. My favorite one to do is Billy Joel. I can turn every Billy Joel song into a country song. For example: "*Good bye Norma Jean, from the young man on the 22<sup>nd</sup> row.*" It works with any song.

REO Speed Wagon: *"I can't fight this feeling longer..."* It works. Every single Ed Sheeran song is a country song. *"And you can keep me inside the pocket of your ripped jeans..."* See what you do right there. Listen, ripped jeans is a country song if ever I've heard a country song. For you that have just been to the Journey/Def Leppard concert, all of those are country songs: *"Pour some sugar on me, in the name of love."* You see, it works with everything. So, I encourage you to ruin every one of your child's songs. I could do every Lecrae song in country, but I'm not going to do that for you right now.

I've asked a lot of my young Christian friends this week. I'm going to paraphrase something, but I've seen this on social media, I've heard this in messages, I've heard it in sermons, devotionals, podcasts. It's this tone that's coming forth. I actually heard it word for word almost in a tweet this week from a voice, an influencer who actually is part of helping write the curriculum that our children use. This is the tone: *"The next generation wants honesty more than certainty."* I heard someone say this week, *"The evangelism for the next generation is going to be more about honesty than it is certainty."*

As one of the leaders of this church, I've encouraged our children's ministry teams, our student ministry teams, our worship teams, to be diligent and discerning with everything that comes through this church. It may be one or two lines, but out there, we are molding and shaping the hearts of our children. And we want to make sure that we are echoing what mom and dad are teaching and we're hopefully teaching mom and dad well the truth of God's word and how to build their life upon the corner stone of Jesus. I told them to be very discerning because this idea of honesty over certainty will come through.

It's like, "Are you saying you have all the answers?" I'm not saying I have all the answers, but I'm saying we do have answers. We can give answers. I'm going to give you an example. It's a new worship song that is out and this worship song... I'm just here to tell you... I haven't even shared it with the worship team yet. You'll never hear us singing this worship song at this church. In the first service when I shared it, some people thought I made it up. You know sometimes I make stuff up, but I usually let you know when I make something up. This is a serious worship song. I have to be honest with you, sometimes with the young people today that are writing content and writing worship songs, you can hear the wounds of their heart from those who have gone in ministry before them and have failed. This is a worship song that is out right now. I heard some pastors talking about it this week and how great this song was. When I heard it, I became very sad because here's the song:

And my hands are open, reaching out  
I'm learning how to live with doubt  
I'm learning how to lean into the grey  
Cause I've had enough of black and white  
I'll find another way and I will  
Lean into the grey  
Lean into the grey.

I heard this, I saw this, somebody shared this with me. I always want to be fair. I'm thinking certainly this is coming from the heart of someone wanting to be real, transparent, vulnerable, authentic. I thought the next chorus is all going to be about the foundation of Jesus Christ, and it was not. Jesus isn't mentioned in the song. I thought this should make us sad. This is honesty running ahead of certainty.

Actually, the Holy Spirit brought to mind something that I learned 30 years ago. Isn't it amazing... This shows you the value of the heart as the scripture in Proverbs calls the heart a tablet, a wellspring, deep waters. Messages were written on your heart when you were very young. This is why what we speak to our children is so important; it sticks with them. When I read these lyrics, a song came back to my mind. I don't think I've sung this song in 30 years. I started to sing it and when I sang it, I thought how I still know this song word for word. When I read "Lean into the grey, lean into the grey," I started singing, "*Leaning, Leaning, safe and secure from all alarms. Leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*" I just want to be clear because some of you are new to our church. The reason I say this message is a work in progress is because I feel like every day more is coming out and I feel we are at battle for this and for the hearts and minds of children. I want you to see this, I want you to know this. We want you to know this, we want you to see this.

If you're here today and you're wrestling with doubt, we're glad you're here. And yes, you can wrestle with doubt, but we love you too much to watch you settle on doubt. You can wrestle with it, you can have questions. This is a safe place to do that. Many of you are going to go to HomeLink in a little bit. We have over 80 people going to HomeLink to join fellowship groups at our church. Bring those questions about the faith, wrestle with stuff, but we love you enough to say, "We have some answers that we want to give you."

Here's where we're at. **Relevance, authenticity, transparency, and vulnerability** (words of this generation) **are not threatened by truth, certainty, clarity, and authority**. You can have both. You don't have to settle on relevance, authenticity, transparency, and vulnerability by neglecting truth, certainty, clarity, and authority. And I proclaim to you that you don't need to lean into the grey. When I read, "Lean into the grey," I thought this was a worship song of a universalist church. Who are you singing to? You can be relevant, you can be authentic, you can be honest and open with the struggles and the doubt that you have in life, but you can do all of that and be told with clarity... By the way, clarity and certainty and truth and authority is vocalized. You can actually say it.

We read this in 1 Peter 3. I shared this with my son. This was kind of my moment with my son this week as we kind of took his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday party trip. We take a 13th party as we tell him, "Hey, you're an adult now." But my son has a mind that retains facts and I said, "God gave you this mind; it's a mind your mom and I do not have." He's been reading facts books since he was a little kid. He loves studying creation. I don't know how the Lord is going to use this ultimately in his life, but he's passionate about learning how God created everything.

Sometimes he hears another viewpoint against creationism and he'll pounce and shoot it down. I said, "Let me explain to you how we do this." **15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer...** We are okay with answers. Answers do not threaten honesty. Answers don't threaten vulnerability, transparency, and authenticity. Give an answer **...to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.**

Do you know how much bold truth we were singing about this morning? Our worship was promise after promise. How do we know about the resurrection of Jesus? How do we know about his death? How do we know about three in one? We read it in his word. We lean into the black and white, so we know

these promises and we build our lives upon it. Have an answer for the hope that you have. Here's the key. ***But do this with gentleness and respect...*** That word right there is the word God is teaching me. Gentleness...

I think it was Saturday that I said, "Carson, here's why so many young people are wanting to stop being called evangelical." It's really been the shift, I believe, since November 2016. They don't want to be called evangelical anymore. I don't believe we are blowing it on the answers, I believe we are blowing it on gentleness and respect. I said, "Carson, when we give people answers, we have to do this in a loving, kind, gentle, and respectful way. You're passionate about what you believe and, son, I love that. Always be strong and always be like..." Is it Nye the Science Guy? When he starts talking and stuff, I mean, Carson just gets excited. I said, "I love that passion, but as you begin to talk and as you go off to college and as you begin to share your faith, do it with gentleness and respect. Learn how to listen." We talk about that a lot in this church. But it's because of this right here: gentleness and kindness.

I have to tell you that I unfriended some of you on Facebook this week. I don't do that a whole bunch. You may wonder why I would unfriend somebody who goes to Woodland Hills Family Church. There are others too. I have unfriended many Christians this week because I'm here to declare to you that jokes about rape are never funny. In any circumstance or any political season, joking about rape is never funny.

Let me just say, I deleted that and unfriended you for the sake of my 15-year-old daughter. I don't allow pornography into my house; I'm not going to allow that into my house. We share devices in our home. Our kids are always getting on our social media. Everything is open in our home. I don't want to give my daughter the message that there are Christians who think this stuff is funny because I declare for you that it's not. It isn't gentle, it isn't respectful. It's vulgar and nasty. This is why young people are saying the answers you're giving me are nonsense, are foolish. May we all allow the Holy Spirit to call us by name today as we know what we believe and stand strong in what we believe, but we do so with gentleness and respect. And all God's people said... Amen.

If you have your Bibles, turn to Matthew 7; it's the end of the Sermon on the Mount and Jesus has covered a lot. I wish I could summarize the Sermon on the Mount for you. He covers so many things from adultery and anger and hatred. Blessed are those is where it begins. He talks about prayer, talks about money. As he goes through all that and then he gets to the end and we're going to get this picture. This is where some of you right now are saying, "I want to be an open-minded Christian. I just want to be loving towards other people."

Again, I hear that the love of Jesus and the truth of Jesus are separated somehow. They are not. The love of Jesus and the truth of Jesus are intertwined. They are together. We love Jesus, he loves us, and he's called us to live out the life he has given us. We are to take on the life of Jesus, the beliefs of Jesus, the teachings of Jesus, and we are to live those out in our life in a gentle and respectful way. How do we do that?

You say, "I just want to be open-minded. You Christians sometimes find yourselves so rigid on things and you just need to be more open-minded." We've said this for years around here: **Don't be so open-**

**minded that your brain falls out.** And if I could just say as you head off to college, you're going to have a lot of debate. There's going to be a lot of discussion. Be gentle, be respectful, and keep your brain. Know what you believe. When the Holy Spirit, either in a conversation or maybe in a class – I know a lot of our college students watch online – brings to mind something you can share with a professor or you can share with another student, do so, boldly and with clarity and with certainty and with the authority of God's word, but do so in a gentle and respectful way.

This is what Jesus teaches us at the end of the sermon on the mount. **24** *“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”* The second illustration Jesus uses: **26** *“But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”*

This is very important to see. There a couple of things that Jesus is saying. Once you hear the truth, you now are responsible and required to make a decision. Jesus is saying you go one way or the other. You either build your life upon this or you don't. If you build your life upon what Jesus taught, you'll be building it upon him, upon the rock. If you don't, you'll be building it upon sand.

Many of you find yourself at church today and you have found yourself coming back to the church after experiencing a great crash. Your life has fallen apart. Your marriage fell apart. Your finances fell apart. You're going through a big struggle right now and your experiencing that great crash. Today, let the word of God minister to you that as you experienced that great crash, when the wind blew and when the rains came down and when the streams rose – this is very important to understand – you experienced it not because of the conditions hitting you, but because of where you built your house. You've crashed because of the foundation. If you'll notice in the word pictures, the foundation is different, but the conditions are the same. In other words, other people experience the rains, the rising streams, and the wind and they don't crash. Why is that? What Jesus is teaching us here is **your foundation determines your ability to withstand what comes at you.**

Some are like, “I don't know why romantic relationships don't work for me.” I hear this all the time. I don't care if you're 20, 16, 18, or you're 80. Would my senior adult friends please hear me. Sometimes when you become a senior adult and you're forming a relationship... There are some of you who are 80 forming relationships and there other of you who are 80 and are single and are like. “That sounds exhausting.” Can I just encourage you? If you're forming a romantic relationship and you want to know how you can avoid a great crash in this relationship, don't build that relationship upon sand; build it upon the rock.

Why can some people hear a doctor's report and be steady and settled? That because there are people who are settled on Jesus as the only way. They are settled on their salvation. They are settled on heaven as their home. When they get their doctor's report, they're like, “Okay, I'm going to proceed with that the doctor tells me to do, but the reason I can be steady is because this wind and rain and flood coming against me right now called a doctor's report isn't going to make me crash because I've not

built my life upon the sand.” This is very important, in this text, it’s the same conditions, but it’s different foundations.

So, **when you crash**, when your marriage crashes, when whatever your going through hits you, **don’t fall for the lie that says, “No one knows what I’m going through.”** That’s not true. You’re surrounded by people today who know what you’re going through. “Why is he able to deal with that?” “Why can she go through that and she doesn’t seem to be so shaken and falling apart?” She has experienced the same thing you have; the difference is she has built her house upon the rock. She’s not leaning on the grey; she is leaning on the everlasting arms. She’s not saying goodbye to black and white; she’s saying hello to it because she’s built her life upon Jesus and the promises that he gives us in his Word. That’s why she is able to do it.

***28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.*** To my pastor friends out there, don’t run away from authority. I’m just convinced. Look around today. I believe if you speak with authority, if you teach on the foundation of Jesus and his Word with authority, people show up. I’ve been trying to run these folks off for years and years. They keep showing up and it’s not because of any special formula; I think it’s because we’ve decided as a church we’re sticking with the authority of God’s Word. We’re sticking with building lives upon the rock of Christ Jesus and not this “Let’s all just sit around and talk and try to figure it out.” We don’t have to approach life that way. We can love on those and care for those that are asking questions and wrestling with doubt, but we can let them know we don’t have a plan for you that helps you settle upon this doubt and begin worshipping it. We want you to get settled on what you believe and begin worshipping the cornerstone, the rock, Christ Jesus. That’s our plan for building lives around here.

You can just see it. I’m looking around at so many. I know you’ve built your life upon the rock. There are others who have built their life upon sand and you’re wondering. I get messages... I get emails and Facebook messages, direct messages. I’m going to paraphrase this, but it comes out a little something like this:

*“I haven’t been in church for a while and I know I need to get back.”* I know what’s coming after that first line almost every single time: My life is experiencing a great crash. My life is falling apart. *“Some things have come up in my life and I need to talk to someone about it.”* Do you know what I call this right here? Because it says, “I know I need to get back,” this is kind of their subtle way of saying, “If you help me through this problem, I’ll sign up and serve.” Please hear that is not the heart of this church. We’re not going to help you because you promise to sign up. “Okay, we’ll help you if you take our 90-minute tour.” “We’ll let you meet with someone in Marriage 911 if you just visit a couple of our...” That’s not it. We want something *for* you, not *from* you.

Do you know what this reminds me of? It’s what I call the lifeboat moment. If you haven’t seen the movie *Unbroken*, I encourage you to see Part 2. It’s a great movie. Take the whole family to it. I’m okay with endorsing it from that perspective. You’ll see the main character in this movie... We also call it a foxhole; it’s the same thing. “Lord, if you get me out of here, I promise I will...” There are too many people today that live their lives that way. They experience the crash and they want to get out from

feeling what they're feeling. "Lord, get me out of this." "Church, get me out of this." "Ted, get me out of this." "Travis, get me out of this." "Joe, get me out of this." "Just get me out of this and then I will..." It's amazing the number of people that we try to help, and you start to see some healthy recovery and then six months later, you're like, "Where are they? They're already gone?" I have these moments where I go, "We won't see them until the next crash."

We are called as a church. We have what we call the Great Commission and here's what we are called to. We are called to teach you. Jesus said, "Go and make disciples." How do you go and make disciples? You go and make disciples and then "teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:20) Give them the black and white AND the red. "Teach them what I've taught you. Let them build their lives upon me." May they be those who build their house upon the rock.

We read that they did this in the first church. They took this instruction from Jesus, they started the church. We see this in the first century. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching. They gathered around. They had fellowship together (Acts 2:42). I love that in just a little bit, about 80 of you are going to gather to form fellowship groups where you decide that you are going to be grounded on the truth, settled on who Jesus is. We're going to know the truth and we're going to walk in it and we are going to live in it.

For some of you who have experienced a great crash, let me just give you a couple of very practical things to consider.

**Be in constant fellowship with other believers.** Part of the problem right now is your life is surrounded by other people who are constantly experiencing great crashes. And misery loves company. And you're constantly surrounded by people who are just giving you bad advice.

I told you I heard this on the plane. A girl was sitting behind me and she was talking to her friend who was considering divorce. I was sitting there squirming in the seat. It was the worst marriage advice I had ever heard being given to a friend. "You shouldn't have to put up with this." "You didn't even really know him all that well before you got married." "He's never going to change." I know it's rude to grab phones out of people's hands and I thought this won't be gentle nor respectful if I go grabbing the phone, but I so badly wanted to grab the phone and yell, "Don't listen to a word she's saying," and hand the phone back.

But this is what happens when you experience a great crash. You want to look for other people who have experienced that, which is okay because you're going to find that here. You are going to find people who have experienced similar crashes. But the difference is you look for people who experienced great crashes and their life is still built upon sand. We're asking you to just make the switch today and find someone who has experienced the same crash... They're trying to make it through drug and alcohol recovery as you're trying to make it through drug and alcohol recovery. They're making past a bad marriage. They're making it past the death of someone in the family. They've experienced this, but their house isn't built upon sand; their house is built upon the Rock of Christ Jesus. That's the person you need to find.

Take these other people and turn them down or mute them altogether and turn this other person up as loud as you can. If you didn't sign up for this HomeLink, sign up for the next one. Be in fellowship with those who are devoting themselves to the teachings of Jesus.

**Read your Bible and grow.** You're thinking how simple is this? But we're getting away from this. Does the Bible have answers? Yes. Does it have every answer, everything I need to know about God? This is what I love about Pastor Greg Laurie said. I read it this week. I shouted Amen aloud in front of a group of people. "Everything we need to know about God is found in the Bible. There are no exceptions. To know God's will for our lives, we must recognize that he speaks primarily through his word."

It's important to know what he's saying because sometimes we don't read fully or in context. It doesn't say everything we want to know about God is found in the Bible. It's everything we *need* to know about God is found in the Bible. Yet, some of us are approaching our faith like Ben Gates on National Treasure. I meet a lot of Christians where it's like the Bible isn't enough on how to live and how to build your life on the teachings of Jesus. They need more for this, so their life has kind of become this mystery that they're trying to find a great treasure. So, they're looking for codes to break, clues that are left. "Okay, I've got to follow the clue and follow the trail," so they're going through life... Guess what the scripture says. His word is a lamp unto my feet. You don't have to look for mysteries and clues and codes. Start with other believers who have built their life upon the Rock of Christ Jesus and they know the word of God. Then they'll be the ones you turn up and you can begin building your life on the Rock of Christ Jesus.

**If you found help in this church or any local church when your life was falling apart, and you were experiencing a great crash, stay put. It just may keep your life from falling apart again.** I love the fire I'm hearing right now in Craig Groeschel, and I love that many voices out there right now are wrestling with the same thing I'm wrestling with in the church today. Some of them are getting loud and strong and they are gentle and respectful, and I'm getting behind those voices. I believe one such voice is Craig Groeschel. Craig said, "Stop attending a church, stop just jumping from church to church or even stop joining a church. Plant yourself in a church. Set down roots in a church. This could keep you from falling apart again." Notice it doesn't say it will keep you from the doctor's report or it will keep you from a struggle in marriage or it will keep you from a spouse who goes off. It doesn't say it's going to keep you from the wind and the rain and the floods, but it will keep that great crash from happening because you know whom you have believed and built your foundation on.

The scripture says this in Jeremiah 17. Jeremiah actually spoke these words: ***7 "But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. Whose trust is not just in the Lord, but is the Lord. Some trust in chariots, some trust in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. 8 He is like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought for it does not cease to bear fruit."***

I've just seen this happen. I don't know what's gone on the last couple of months at our church, but something has been going on. I know we were planning on going to three services, but to just kind of let you know, if your brand new to our church... I met several of you this morning that have been coming

here a couple of months. I met several this morning in the first service that it was their first time here. From 2016 to 2017, our church grew by 1%. In church speak, we would call that a plateau. From the time of the Duck accident to today, we've grown about 12% to 15%. I was wondering.... The Sunday after the Duck accident, 300 to 400 people showed up more than we normally have, and you've never left. You're still here. We were running at about 1,800 and now, last week, it was 2,150 and 2,250, so we're right around that 2,100 – 2,200 mark.

I've been thinking through it and I don't know if you remember this, but to me, after the Duck accident, I had the exact same feelings as a pastor that I had after 9/11. When 9/11 hit 17 years ago, people flooded the church. Our churches were packed. I was pastoring and many of you know I was over at The River in Forsyth at that time, going through my own struggles, wind, rain, and floods. I just remember we had people just showing up at the church all week long just crying and emotional. I can tell you, they weren't looking for the grey, they weren't leaning into the grey; they wanted answers. How do you know they wanted answers? Because all they were asking were questions. That's all they had; question after question. "What happened to these people?" "Where did they go when they died?" "Where am I going to go when I die?"

Then we saw the numbers start to decline a little bit after that because that's what people do. After they experience a great crash, they lean in, looking for the answers. They choose not to build their life on it, and they go right back to building their house on the foundation of sand.

I thought the same exact thing happened when the Duck accident happened in our town. We all started mourning together. There were many here in the service. Some were here for the first time in the 8:30 this morning. They were some of the first responders to the Duck accident. They said, "We haven't talked a lot about it lately. We made it through because of the foundation we have in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For me, to my kids, to my 13 and 15-year-old, I'm going, "Listen, you're going to have different songs. You're going to have different ways of singing. You're going to have different methods." I believe Carson is going to be a preacher. I see this, I begin to speak this over them, and I go, "Guys, please, lead your generation in certainty and truth in the authority of God's Word. Don't be afraid of it. Have a gentle and respectful tone, yes, but be strong in what you believe. Don't let anybody tell you that you shouldn't believe this, or you don't love Jesus that much if you're this strong about what you believe. Be strong. Be settled in what you believe."

In our family, we are settled on who Jesus is. In our church, we are settled. I'm grateful that we don't gather at elders meeting every month to discuss our settled beliefs and whether or not we should still be settled on them. It would be a colossal waste of time; we would get nothing done. "Hey, are we still into the exclusivity of Christ? Are we still into Jesus being the only way? You guys good with that? Do we need to bring that up again? Were good with that, right?" "Are we still good with heaven as our home?" We don't have those conversations as elders. In our home we don't have them. We believe Jesus is the only way. We believe heaven is our home.

When I get that report, if I get that report... We sang it today. Until he returns or calls me home, I tell my kids, "You know what? If that report comes there's going to be sadness and rejoicing all mixed into one big emotion because the Lord will call me home one day if he does not return. I hope you guys are there at bedside, but why are we even able to talk about this? It's because we're settled on what we believe."

You can be settled too. I'm going to invite you to stand. I'm going to lead us in a hymn. As I've been wrestling with this... And Mom and Dad, if you're not wrestling with the culture around us telling your young people to believe whatever they want and to lean in to the grey, I'm asking the Holy Spirit to begin calling you by name that you would begin really understanding the culture in which you are raising your children. Ground them, settle them in what you believe. My prayer for us as a church is that we will always be settled on our essential beliefs.

As I've been wrestling with this, I've found myself going back to the hymns. I love our modern songs, but the theology in the hymns... And I've been singing this song all week and my kids have been singing it with me. I'm going to invite you to sing it with me. We're doing it a cappella, we're going Church of Christ.

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

Father, we are building our lives on the Rock of Christ Jesus and so we think of those who are here right now who are experiencing a great crash. I pray that they would leave here saying, "No I will not build my house upon the sand; I will build it upon the truth of who Jesus is, that he loves me, that he died for me, and that he wants a relationship with me." I pray they wouldn't leave here until they meet with someone from our prayer team. I just pray that those who have experienced a great crash or are experiencing a great crash that today they will build their life upon the Rock of Christ Jesus and for that we are grateful.

It is in the name of Jesus that everyone agreed and said... Amen.

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