



# WORD BREAK

045 – REPAIRING THE RESERVOIR (Part7)

Dear Child of God,

Welcome to “WORD BREAK” #45, which is designed to give you a nugget from God’s Word to strengthen your daily walk.

**GATE #3 — THE OLD GATE** (A Solid Foundation Continued)

My grandmother on my Mom’s side of the family sold her farm and moved back onto the property where my Mom grew up at 409 Alamo Drive in Crockett, Texas, shortly after my grandfather passed away.

She had a construction company make her a deal to build her a new brick house on the property where she grew up.

At first, the house looked beautiful, inside and out. You see, foundation problems don’t show up right away, it takes time for them to show up. I remember visiting my grandmother quite a while later, and was shocked to see what was happening to the inside walls of her house.

Huge ugly cracks were emerging in a number of places on what once were beautiful textured and painted sheetrock walls. I was very young at the time, and did not fully understand what was causing my grandmother’s walls to look so ugly in her new house.

You see, that contractor was trying to cut corners, and get that house up as fast as he could.

That made such an impact on me as a youngster, that I’ve never forgot it. I do not know how many times those walls were patched through the years, but it really doesn’t matter, because the big ugly cracks kept coming back. You can never successfully cover up a foundation problem.

**Never take short cuts with the foundation!**

In over 36 years of ministry, I’ve observed more failures than successes. **Failures always occur when solid foundations aren’t laid.**

We may spend more time on repairing this gate than any of the others, because you will never be able to build what your foundation won’t support.

The writer to the Hebrews wanted to bring this group of believers into the deeper more mature things of God, but he couldn’t. They simply were not ready. You may ask, “Why were they not ready?” They weren’t because they had a foundation problem.

Take a look at Hebrews 5:12-6:3.

*“12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

*The Peril of Not Progressing*

*6 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this we will\* do if God permits.” (NKJV)*

**These 6 doctrines should be a part of every believer’s foundation.**

We will begin looking at them in our next “WORD BREAK.”

Remember, people, marriages, families, churches, ministries, businesses, or other entities don’t just fall. When the foundation isn’t right, the cracks will always break through.

**DON’T MISS THIS VITAL SERIES!**

Thank you for joining me for this edition of “WORD BREAK”. See you this Sunday!

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