# Jesus Will Build His Church

## Jesus Will Build in the Midst of Spiritual Opposition

### Satan Will Oppose in the Context of Kingdom Progress

<sup>18</sup>When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Matthew 16:13-18 (NIV)

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Matthew 16:13-18 (NIV)

You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:5 (NIV)

## I'm Building This On Me

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Matthew 16:18 (NIV)

# I'm Building This Through You

#### <u>How Jesus Built the Church in Phillipi:</u>

- 1. Through a Businesswoman (Acts 16:14)
- 2. Through a Demon-Possessed Slave-Girl
- (Acts 16:18)
- 3. Through a Pagan, City Employee (Acts 16:25)

"Unbelief says: Some other time, but not now; some other place, but not here; some other people, but not us. Faith says: Anything He did anywhere else He will do here; anything He did any other time He is willing to do now; anything He ever did for other people He is willing to do for us! With our feet on the ground, and our head cool, but with our heart ablaze with the love of God, we walk out in this fullness of the Spirit, if we will yield and obey. God wants to work through you!"

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