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Build You Up

I drew you to me. I called you to come to me. I set you apart to be my very own. You are my child. I am your Father. I have adopted you into my family. Your sins have been forgiven. Your unrighteousness has been cleansed. I have filled you with my Spirit. You are now walking on the path of life with me. You are now living in an intimate relationship with me. Thank you for all you have done, are doing and will do for me. It is my joy and delight to live in an intimate relationship with you. **That is very good.**

You will not remain the same as you once were. I will be molding and shaping and changing you. I will be making your life completely brand new as you follow me. I welcome you to do your work in me. I want to become the person you have called me to become. **Yes, I know that to be true. What have I been and what will I be using to change your heart, transform your mind and guide your life? What have I been and what will I be using to build you up and help you to be the person I have called you to become? What have I been using and what will I be using to help you to come to know and love and follow and serve me with all that is within you?** You have been and will be using your word to change my heart, transform my mind and guide my life. You have been and will be using your word to mold and shape my life. You have been and will be using your word make me into the person you want me to become. Your word is and has been helping me to come to know and love and follow and serve you with all that is within me. **Yes, my word is and has been doing all this work in you.** For that, I am thankful beyond what my words could ever possibly express. **That is very good.**

I do have a question for you. I'm listening. **If you want my word to continue to do its work in you what must you continue to do?** I must continue to meet with you in your word. I must let your word dwell in me richly. I must take your word deeply into my heart and mind and life. **Is that what you will do?** Yes, Heavenly Father. I will allow your word to dwell in me richly so it can work in me powerfully. **That will be very good.**

Heavenly Father, thank you for drawing me to yourself. Thank you for helping me to become one of your followers. Thank you for setting me apart to be one of your very own. Use your word in my life to mold, shape and make me into the person you called me to be. Amen

Promises *Build You Up*

So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

NIV Acts 20:31-32

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NLT Acts 20:31-32

Promises *Build You Up*

Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified.

NRSV Acts 20:31-32

Promises *Build You Up*

Therefore be always alert and on your guard, being mindful that for three years I never stopped night or day seriously to admonish and advise and exhort you one by one with tears. And now [brethren], I commit you to God [I deposit you in His charge, entrusting you to His protection and care]. And I commend you to the Word of His grace [to the commands and counsels and promises of His unmerited favor]. It is able to build you up and to give you [your rightful] inheritance among all God's set-apart ones (those consecrated, purified, and transformed of soul).

AMP Acts 20:31-32

Promises *Build You Up*

"Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears. "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

NASB Acts 20:31-32

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ESV Acts 20:31-32

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Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

NKJV Acts 20:31-32

Promises *Make You Into*

So stay awake and keep up your guard. Remember those three years I kept at it with you, never letting up, pouring my heart out with you, one after another. "Now I'm turning you over to God, our marvelous God whose gracious Word can make you into what he wants you to be and give you everything you could possibly need in this community of holy friends.

MSG Acts 20:31-32

Promises *Able To Build*

Watch out! Remember the three years I was with you—my constant watchcare over you night and day and my many tears for you. "And now I entrust you to God and his care and to his wonderful words that are able to build your faith and give you all the inheritance of those who are set apart for himself.

TLB Acts 20:31-32

Promises *Give You Strength*

So be careful! Always remember that for three years, day and night, I never stopped warning each of you, and I often cried over you. "Now I am putting you in the care of God and the message about his grace. It is able to give you strength, and it will give you the blessings God has for all his holy people.

NCV Acts 20:31-32

Build You Up

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – Acts 20:31-32

In Context: *Read Acts 20*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How did God draw you to himself so you could be set apart as one of His followers?

How is God's word helping you to stay awake and be on your guard as one of His followers?

What must you do with God's word if you want Him to be able to build you up with it?

How has God used His word to build you up into the person He has called you to become?

How has God's word changed the entire course of your life as you have taken it into your heart and mind and life?

How has God's word changed your thoughts and words and actions as it has done its work in you?

Who mentored you and who are you now mentoring with God's word so that you and they can be built up by it?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow God to use His word to build you up into the person He has called you to become.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God will use His word to build you up into the person He called you to become.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how God is using His word to build you up as one of His followers.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow God to build you up into the person He wants you to become.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Heavenly Father, I will allow you to build me up into the person you want me to become.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Heavenly Father, how will you build me up into the person you want me to become today?
