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1. What we are building will only be successful if God designed the blueprints. What are we building? Where do we choose to place our time and effort? Are we trying to make a name for ourselves? Make the most money? Get the most pleasure out of life? If this is the life we're building, then—like the foolish man—we're building on sand.

2. We are free to do as we want, but every bad decision has consequences.

3. There is a truth in what God said about our ability to accomplish much when unified. There's a positive side to this otherwise cautionary account. When the church body is unified, there is no limit to what we can accomplish. But when there is dissension, we are weaker.

4. Ignorance does not lead to a blissful existence. It was ignorant to believe that a closer relationship with God could be achieved by building a stairway into the sky—one they may have thought would allow God to descend to earth. The opposite is true: God provided us with a way to go to Him.

5. Be mindful of the company you keep and the vision you share. It seems that most, if not all, mankind at that time was unified under one vision: to make a name for themselves. They worked together—planning, scheming, and spending resources and time—to build something they thought would change the world. But it wasn't God's vision. The people you surround yourself with and the vision you pursue matter. What are we building?

6. Accounts in the Bible that seem unrealistic or mythical should not weaken our faith, but strengthen it. When we do our due diligence and dig into God's word, our faith grows. God is capable of great things, and that hasn't changed. We serve a powerful God who has big plans for the world. Are we willing to stand with Him?

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Six Lessons from The Tower of Babel



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Most of us probably know the story of the Tower of Babel. It's the event that gave us all the diverse languages of the world. That account is not just for our entertainment or education—there are many spiritual applications we can draw from it. Here are just six from Genesis 11:1–9.

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