

Men's Bible Study: Real Men Build

Part 3: Building from A Mess

What is a mess?

1. a dirty or untidy state of things or of a place.
2. a situation or state of affairs that is confused or full of difficulties. *Oxford Dictionary*

It's Not Where You Start...

- ❖ Jer. 18:4; Psalm 107:20; Psa. 30:1-3

Jesus Knows How to Work with a Mess

- ❖ Eph. 2:1-7
- ❖ The blind man – John 9:1-6
- ❖ Woman caught in adultery – John 8:2-11
- ❖ Messy faith with man at the pool of Bethesda – John 5:1-15
- ❖ Those we deem messy – Luke 5:27-32

Some Mess Requires Extensive Digging Out

- ❖ There can be layers to the mess – Gen. 42:21 (ISV)
- ❖ Repentance – Psa. 32:1-5
- ❖ Faith – Mat. 17:20-21; Mark 9:29;
- ❖ A greater understanding of God's Ways –
 - He still loves you – Lam. 3:22-23
 - He is not surprised – Heb. 12:1
 - You're gonna need to be patient – James 1:2-3
 - You're gonna have to really talk with God – Psalm 6

The Mess Only Hid Your Potential

- ❖ Growing up from a messy upbringing
- ❖ Saul to Paul – Acts 9:10-18
- ❖ God's refining is an indication of a vessel He can use – Mal. 3:1-5; Proverbs 25:4
- ❖ Even the mess will work for your good – Rom. 8:28

We Don't Build on Mess but From Mess

- ❖ Man was formed from the dust (âphâr: dust as powdered or gray; hence clay, earth, mud) of the ground ('ădâmâh: soil)
 - He formed you from dirt but made you alive with His breath – Gen. 2:7
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