

How to Build an Unsinkable Ship. Pt. 1 The Partner-Ship

We will learn three ship building mistakes and three shipwright secrets.

Genesis 6:9-22

9 This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. **10** Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. **11** Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. **12** God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.

A statement of _____.

13 So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.

A statement , "This what I am _____."

14 So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. **15** This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. **16** Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. **17** I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. **18** But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark--you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. **19** You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. **20** Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. **21** You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them." **22** Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

This is really the very first time that God partners

with man in the _____.

1st ship in the series is the _____ - _____.

Partnerships do not need to be equal or mutually beneficial to be _____.

Partner or *parsner* - legal term meaning _____

Romans 8:17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Mistake #1 in Ship building is _____
(leading cause of shipwrecks)

Today's Church: Children = _____ = God's glory

God's Equation: Children = joint heirs + _____ = God's glory

Today: Suffering = anything negative or inconvenience that has to be endured

59% leave churches because it doesn't fit into their life situation anymore (19% of those are too busy for church)

37% leave because they are disenchanted – unrealistic expectation

What does the Bible say about suffering:

1 Peter 5:8-10

8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. **9** Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your fellow believers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. **10** And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

Sometimes suffering has a _____ and _____.

1 Peter 2:19

For it is commendable if you bear up under the pain of unjust suffering because you are conscious of God.

1 Peter 4:12-13

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

Participate is a _____ word.

Shipwright Secret # 1: Count the _____ Before You Build.

Luke 14:25-35

25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters--yes, even life itself--such a person cannot be my disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' 31 "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. 33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples. 34 "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? 35 It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

There is a _____ to being affiliated with Jesus.

Mistake #2: Forgetting the Ship's _____

Luke 14:34-35

The church in America has lost it's purpose and so it has lost it's _____.

Almost Christian: What the Faith of our Teenagers is Telling the American Church
Kenda Creasy Dean

Because we have a low value, they have a low value. We teach the value. We have to have a high value.

Faith has to have _____.

Value is lost when _____ is forgotten.

Mistake #3: Placing our Comfort and Convenience Over the

_____ and _____ of the Ship

In America we treat our church like a _____.

Consumerism: you put your needs, wants and desires over what is important and what God is trying to establish.

Shipwright Secret #2: Building a Ship to it's _____ NOT to it's _____

There are no passengers on God's ship, there are _____. Our commission is not as a passenger ship.

Commission: with mission – our mission is the great commission

Matthew 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. *19* Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, *20* and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Shipwright Secret #3: Ships are in the _____ not Full of _____

Ships and boats float because of the displacement of water. The hull pushes away water and holds back the water. The boat gets pushed up and out.

We must be in the _____ but not filled with the _____.

If the church is full of everything that is out there and everything out there is in the church, the church has already sunk. You are not saving them, just moving them from one hellhole into another.

Church means called out, called up, called apart. Churches are made to _____.

Luke 17:26 "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man.

We live in a world where every inclination of man's heart is _____.

Just because you're in the boat doesn't mean you're saved.

It needs to bring you _____.