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# The House that Jack Built and the Church that Jesus Built

 Play: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_tR59hcxwo>

*This is the house that Jack built.
This is the malt that lay in the house that Jack built.
This is the rat that ate the malt That lay in the house that Jack built.
This is the cat that killed the ratThat ate the malt that lay in the house that Jack built.
This is the dog that worried the cat That killed the rat that ate the maltThat lay in the house that Jack built.
This is the cow with the crumpled horn That tossed the dog that worried the catThat killed the rat that ate the malt That lay in the house that Jack built.
This is the maiden all forlorn That milked the cow with the crumpled hornThat tossed the dog that worried the cat That killed the rat that ate the malt That lay in the house that Jack built.
This is the man all tattered and tornThat kissed the maiden all forlornThat milked the cow with the crumpled horn That tossed the dog that worried the catThat killed the rat that ate the malt That lay in the house that Jack built.
This is the priest all shaven and shorn That married the man all tattered and tornThat kissed the maiden all forlorn That milked the cow with the crumpled hornThat tossed the dog that worried the catThat killed the rat that ate the maltThat lay in the house that Jack built.
This is the cock that crowed in the mornThat woke the priest all shaven and shornThat married the man all tattered and tornThat kissed the maiden all forlornThat milked the cow with the crumpled hornThat tossed the dog that worried the catThat killed the rat that ate the maltThat lay in the house that Jack built.This is the farmer sowing his cornThat kept the cock that crowed in the mornThat woke the priest all shaven and shornThat married the man all tattered and tornThat kissed the maiden all forlornThat milked the cow with the crumpled hornThat tossed the dog that worried the catThat killed the rat that ate the maltThat lay in the house that Jack built.
This is the horse and the hound and the hornThat belonged to the farmer sowing his cornThat kept the cock that crowed in the mornThat woke the priest all shaven and shornThat married the man all tattered and tornThat kissed the maiden all forlornThat milked the cow with the crumpled hornThat tossed the dog that worried the catThat killed the rat that ate the maltThat lay in the house that Jack built*

***This is the church that Jesus Built
This is the yeast that lay in the Church that Jesus built
This is the result of the yeast that lay in the church that Jesus Built
This is a disciple who ignored the yeast that lay in the church that Jesus built
This is the priest that was a disciple that ate the yeast that lay in the church that Jesus Built
This is the mess made by the priest who was a disciple, who ate the yeast that lay in the church that Jesus built
This is the hypocrisy caused by the mess made by the priest who was a disciple, who ate the yeast that lay in the church that Jesus Built
This is the mockery of the hypocrisy caused by the mess made by the priest who was a disciple, who ate the yeast that lay in the church that Jesus Built
This is the man who stood against the mockery of hypocrisy caused by the mess made by the priest who was a disciple, who ate the yeast that lay in the church that Jesus Built
These are the revivals which followed the man who stood against the mockery of hypocrisy caused by the mess made by the priest who was a disciple, who ate the yeast that lay in the church that Jesus Built
These are the Missions that came out of the revivals which followed the man who stood against the mockery of hypocrisy caused by the mess made by the priest who was a disciple, who ate the yeast that lay in the church that Jesus Built
These are the schools hospitals and humanitarian institutions that were birthed out of the missions which came from revivals which followed the man who stood against the mockery of hypocrisy caused by the mess made by the priest who ate the yeast that lay in the church that Jesus Built
These are the true disciples of Jesus who make disciples, who maintain the schools hospitals and humanitarian institutions which came from missions. that were birthed out of the revivals which followed the man who stood against the mockery of hypocrisy caused by the mess made by the priest who ate the yeast that lay in the church that Jesus Built
This is a squint of the glorious church that Jesus is coming back for, made up of true disciple who make disciple, who maintain schools hospitals and humanitarian institutions which came from missions, that were birthed out of the revivals which followed the man who stood against the mockery of hypocrisy caused by the mess made by the priest who was a disciple who ate the yeast that lay in the church that Jesus Built***

## Let's keep building the church that Jesus birthed!

## "Winning the world for Jesus one person at a time through disciplespling relationships'

Jesus called 12 young men - Matthew 4:18-20 KJV

And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

Matthew 4:18-20 ERV

As Jesus was walking by Lake Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (called Peter) and Simon’s brother Andrew. These brothers were fishermen, and they were fishing in the lake with a net. Jesus said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you a different kind of fishermen. You will bring in people, not fish.” Simon and Andrew immediately left their nets and followed him.

Matthew 4:18-20 AMP

As He was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He noticed two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, throwing a dragnet into the sea, for they were fishermen. And He said to them, Come after Me [as disciples–letting Me be your Guide], follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men! At once they left their nets and became His disciples [sided with His party and followed Him].

Matthew 4:18-20 CEVDCUS06

While Jesus was walking along the shore of Lake Galilee, he saw two brothers. One was Simon, also known as Peter, and the other was Andrew. They were fishermen, and they were casting their net into the lake. Jesus said to them, “Follow me! I will teach you how to bring in people instead of fish.” Right then the two brothers dropped their nets and went with him.

Matthew 4:18-20 GNB

As Jesus walked along the shore of Lake Galilee, he saw two brothers who were fishermen, Simon (called Peter) and his brother Andrew, catching fish in the lake with a net. Jesus said to them, “Come with me, and I will teach you to catch people.” At once they left their nets and went with him.

Matthew 28:18-20 GNB

Jesus drew near and said to them, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age.”

These two scriptures are the book ends of the Gospel and the mission of Jesus - and His church
Whatever prevents this happening is wrong and to be avoided and got rid of

## What is a disciple?

Matt 4:18-20 "Come, Follow Me...

1. **One who has mad Jesus Lord of their life**
2. **One who has entered a relational process of being discipled by a maturer Christian**
3. **One who is becoming Christlike**
4. **Committed to the mission of Christ**

Note:

Our current church in the western world is morphing in to another yeast-filled community
Instead of making disciples - it's making money , comfort, easy living, prosperity , extra grace for evry sin, lives are not changing, they are the same as their worldly counterparts, their standards of holiness are little different
Their marriages are not lasting any longer, their entertainment and passions are the same
Very few will stand up for their faith, and even less will witness for their Lord or win a soul for him
Their devotion to their gatherings are dwindling at an alarming rate
Their houses (church buildings) are being sold daily
Their influence on society is so weak and poor that governemnts can pass abominable laws against the Bible and their foundation fathers values
And if the present rate of decline contiinues, the church or body of Christians could well be entering it's final generation in society
There are only two choices -

1. It's a sign of the times and not the church's fault but God's will - and theefore Jesus is returning very soon - before it's too late
2. It's the fault of the current western church - it's lost it's bearings and moorings - and it needs to return to its roots and become again the true church that Jesus built!

The latter is my decision!
It may not be the popular choice, or way to go - but we have no choice - it's God's way or the Highway!

Unless we are fulfilling the plan of God laid out through Jesus, we are wasting our time - and doing more harm than good
We have to stop doing some things and start doing some things that we've never done before

## The church Jesus began to build - that He has invited us to continue - is made up of:

* Ordinary people who have realised their plight and need of a saviour/Jesus and surrendered to Him as Lord for salvation
* They have fallen in love with God and His Son Jesus, filled with His Spirit, and desirous to do His will
* Are engaged in a continuous discipling relationship with other maturer disciples and meet often for the purpose of spiritual growth
* Are more centred on God's word and His standards than the modern church's interpretation of them - they are unafraid to be different
* They are maturing into strong disciples of Jesus who are light and salt and want want to win the world for Him
* They are desperately concerned for the lost, and the expansion of the kingdom of God before Jesus returns and it's too late

The church that Jesus built (or at least started) changed the world wherever it was situated instead of being changed by the world

## The church that Jesus wants to rebuild in our day - and I see Lighthouse as being part of:

* Is is full of people being changed from Glory to Glory into the image of Christ
* Is made up of Discipleship relationships - cells - where everyone is connected and being challenged to grow and change into Christ's likeness
* Is making an impact on the surrounding world through good works and social justice
* Is empowered by the Holy Spirit to perform signs and wonders that go beyond natural explanation - all for God's glory
* Is demonstrating the true love of God toward each other and the outside world - and being a rich blessing to the needy and poor
* Is carrying the presence and authority of God in an unmistakable way through prayer, worship and intimate relationship with God
* Is of great influence to the legislative processes of local and national government - making a difference in our world
* Is glorious, shining, devil-scaring, sin-scouring, saint-envigorating, world-impacting and Jesus-pleasing ready for His return

Therefore, 2014 is a year of reformation and formation toward this glorious goal
We will rejoice over the things God rejoices:

* Souls being saved rather than people attending church
* Lives being changed into Christ's image rather talents being flaunted
* People on their knees in secret rather than busy 'serving the Lord' up front and noticed by all
* People repenting of their sin toward God and one another rather than sermons that sound so good
* People volunteering to serve, visit, minister, heal, witness and share Jesus rather than be on the membership roll
* True worship in spirit and truth rather than great band, singers, equipment and a/v effects
* Missionaries sent out to the nations to plant churches rather than swelling the ranks at home
* People rising into disciples that make disciple, rather than cell leaders who maintain good bible studies in well attended groups
* People who feel the call to serve God and leave their comfortable western lifestyles and make sacrifices for the Kingdom of God
* Marriages and families trusting God for grace instead of giving up and letting their marriage fail due to hard times
* The power of the Lord being present to heal
* The presence of the Lord being overwhelming, causing people to fear God, honour one another and serve Him with all their heart