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# THE MAKING OF KINGDOM PILLARS

...from rubble to masterpiece, through God's transformative grace

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Every life carries fragments of brokenness, failure, and missed opportunities. Yet God does not leave us in ruins. He transforms our rubble into pillars of His kingdom who are strong, steadfast, and purposeful. In **Revelation 3:7-13**, on the island of Patmos, Jesus showed John the Beloved a vision of kingdom pillars—symbols of strength, divine purpose, and eternal impact. Like concrete poured around iron rods, God shapes our lives through faith, obedience, and His creative power, fusing broken pieces into enduring structures.

From Israel's wilderness journey to the construction of Solomon's Temple, God's desire has always been more than fellowship. He seeks to dwell within His people and build lasting strength in them. In **1 Kings 7:21**, the two pillars of

Solomon's temple, Jachin ("He shall establish") and Boaz ("In His strength") symbolise God's establishment and power.

Therefore, becoming a kingdom pillar is not achieved through human effort, but rather through God's transformative grace. As we yield in faith and obedience, He crafts pillars from our broken fragments: lives that stand firm, support others, and reflect His glory.

This message invites us to grasp the principles of eternal life that transform human rubble into pillars of the kingdom.

## The Divine Blueprint

In **Revelation 3:7-13**, Jesus spoke to John on the island of Patmos about the making of pillars in His kingdom. In the natural, a pillar is constructed by

pouring concrete around iron rods within a mould. Once the mould is removed, the separate elements fuse into a solid, enduring structure, stronger than each part individually.

Similarly, God's work in humanity is transformative. From the wilderness to the Promised Land, He instructed the Israelites to build a sanctuary so that He might dwell among them (**Exodus 25:8; 33:14**). God has always desired not just fellowship with humanity but intimate presence among His people. This desire culminated in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to dwell among us (**John 1:1-4, 14, Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23**).

As mentioned earlier, when Solomon built the temple, he set up two symbolic pillars in the porch (**1 Kings 7:21**). These pillars were not mere architectural elements; they prophesied the royal priesthood and the temple of living stones (**1 Peter 2:4-8**) that God would build from the rubble of human lives, using four critical ingredients, as revealed in **Revelation 3:12**.

## The First Ingredient: Faith

In contemporary terms, a pillar signifies establishment and strength. Spiritually, **Revelation 3:12** expands this idea: "He

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## WHO WE ARE

"We are a people sent to the nations, governments and powers of the earth as the voice of reason, possibilities and hope. We are the instrumentality of catalysing change and centralising God in the governance of nations. Our mandate is to enforce the Kingdom of God over the kingdoms of this world that have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. We are men and women, boys and girls who love God and love people and who serve God and serve people. We always seek to give hope and to be at the forefront of driving change both spiritually and governmentally. We exist, primarily, as a fully functional church and conceptually as a governmental force for change, good governance and leadership."

### THE CGCC CREDO

- ➔ Love God, Love People
- ➔ Serve God, Serve People
- \* By doing the above, we glorify God individually and corporately.

### OUR COMMITMENTS

- ➔ Wholehearted Worship of God
- ➔ Prayer ➔ Ministry of the Word ➔ Evangelism
- ➔ Seeing People Grow Deeper (Discipleship)
- ➔ Helping People Build Vital Relationships with Other Believers
- ➔ Loving God and Loving People
- ➔ Serving God and Serving People

### OUR CORE LEADERSHIP VALUES

- ➔ Compassion
- ➔ Intelligence
- ➔ Responsibility
- ➔ Judgement
- ➔ Influence



who overcomes, I will make a pillar in the temple of my God." The first ingredient is overcoming, which comes through faith. Without faith, it is impossible to please God (**Hebrews 11:6**).

Many believers focus on past mistakes rather than on Christ's transformative power. Yet anyone in Christ is a new creation; old things have passed away (**2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:8-9**). **Revelation 3:12**, together with **1 John 5:4-5**, confirms that the qualification for becoming a pillar is not education, talent, or human ability—it is faith. Faith acts as the iron within the pillar; without it, the structure cannot stand. If the incorruptible seed of God's word dwells in you, you are already a candidate for a pillar (**1 John 2, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, John 10:35**).

## The Second Ingredient: God's Creative Power

**Revelation 3:12** continues, "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God." The promise highlights God's creative power. When God declares His intent, it is effective, for He made everything by His Word (**Hebrews 1:3**). Our response is simple: a willing heart and obedience. God supplies the process, the mould, and the method of pillar-making. In **2 Corinthians 4:1-6**, we see the principle: God commands light to shine out of darkness. Likewise, He can transform the rubble of our lives into pillars of strength.

History is full of examples: Jacob (**Genesis 32:27-31**), Rahab (**Joshua 2:6-25**), Moses (**Exodus 2:11-15**), David (**2 Samuel 11:1-5**). These were flawed individuals who became pillars of faith. God's work calls for separation, not isolation; we are not removed from the world but called to be the light of the world and salt of the earth (**Matthew**

**5:13-16**).

## The Third Ingredient: Formed Strength

The making of kingdom pillars is a matter of destiny. Regardless of profession or background, believers share the same destiny: to be conformed to the image of the Firstborn (**Romans 8:29**). Revelation 3:11 warns, "Let no one take your crown." Abandoning a God-given vision leads to division, distraction, and destruction.

"Compromise," as revealed by the Holy Spirit to me, means walking contrary to God's promise. A kingdom pillar emerges through obedience to God and resistance to contrary forces. Formed strength is evident in Jesus' declaration to Simon Peter: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church" (**Matthew 16:18, John 1:42**). Transformation, from instability to dependability, weakness to strength, is central to pillar-making. Pillars exist to strengthen and encourage others, having passed through trials themselves.

## The Fourth Ingredient: Settled Strength

Stability that does not waver characterises true pillars. From formed strength comes settled strength. Pillars remain fixed; they do not shift. God builds pillars from brokenness, just as Nehemiah rebuilt Jerusalem's walls with ruined stones (**Nehemiah 4:2,10**). In weakness, His power is perfected (**2 Corinthians 12:9**). God does not build on human merit; He reshapes us to reflect His Son (**Romans 8:29**).

Mary Magdalene, from whom Jesus cast out seven demons (**Luke 8:2, Mark 16:9**), illustrates this principle. She became the first witness of the resurrection. She stood near the cross (**John 19:25**), wept at the tomb, and shared in the Spirit's outpouring (**Acts 1:14; 2:1-4**). From deliverance to divine

## OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL OPERATIONAL DYNAMICS

- ➔ Church-in-the-House
- ➔ Church-in-the-Community
- ➔ Church-in-the-City
- ➔ Church-in-the-Cloud.

## OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL GROWTH DYNAMICS

- ➔ To grow up.
- ➔ To grow big.
- ➔ To grow very rich.
- ➔ To grow together.

assignment, her life shows that God can create pillars from brokenness.

## You Are a Pillar: Embracing God's Design

Do not approach God with your merits; rather, approach Him with your rubble. From it, He creates beauty. The foolishness of God surpasses human wisdom (**1 Corinthians 1:25**). It is not through personal righteousness but through His grace (**Titus 3:5**). Even in failure, God is at work. Yielding to Him allows your life to become His workmanship—a masterpiece (**Ephesians 2:10**).

Across the earth, God is raising pillars from rubble. Faith, combined with His creative power, transforms trials and triumphs into redemptive design. Mistakes can become miracles (**Romans 8:28**). You are a pillar in the making; do not write yourself off, for God has not finished His work in you.

## Prayer Points

1. Father, thank You for transforming my brokenness into strength. Break every barrier hiding the treasure within me and let my life reveal Your glory for the advancement of Your Kingdom.
2. Lord, lay Your mighty hand upon me. Create in me a clean heart, renew in me a steadfast spirit, and establish me as a pillar in Your house (**Psalms 51:10, Revelation 3:12**).
3. Lord Jesus, thank You for rescuing me from destruction and making my life beautiful. I declare that I am a pillar in the making, established in Your strength, to Your glory. Amen.