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TRUST: God's Purpose Plan and Design: Scattered for Good

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Text: Genesis 11:1–9

*"Are you building something?" – "What are you building" "Who are you building this for?"*

## **1. The Setting and the Opportunity – God gives a mission.**

"Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth." Genesis 9 and Genesis 1

"Now the whole world had one language and a common speech." Genesis 11:1

But unity is not automatically godly.

## **2. The Rebellion – When unity becomes about us instead of God.**

"Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.'" - Genesis 11:4

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain." Psalm 127:1

Matthew 11:29-30 "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Isaiah 14:

"How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! 13 You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. 14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

Psalm 148:13: "Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His splendor is above the earth and the heavens."

Malachi 1:11 "My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations," says the LORD Almighty."

"God.. gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, " Philippians 2:9-11

Question: What has God commanded you to do that you have deliberately chosen to go against?

PRIDE = a self-centered attitude that elevates one's own will above God's

**Proverbs 16:18:** "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall".

**James 1:13** When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be

tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

**James 1:17** Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

### **3. The Intervention – God steps in.**

“But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building.” Genesis 11:5

6 The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.

7 “Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.” 8 So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city.

### **4. The Redirection – God still gets His mission done.**

*Genesis 11:9 That is why it was called Babel[c]—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.*

Fast forward to Acts 2. The disciples are in Jerusalem waiting because Jesus had told them:

**Acts 1:8** “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Babel: languages divided the people to stop an ungodly mission.

Pentecost: languages multiplied to unite people to a godly mission.

“and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.”

Is it about your name, or is it about the name above every name?

### **APPLICATION POINTS**

1. Unity without God is dangerous. Just because everyone agrees doesn't mean it's godly.  
Ask: “Is this God's mission or mine?”
2. Prideful projects fall; God's plans prevail..
3. God still scatters for His glory.

*And more than anything, God wants us to build with Him. (relationship)*