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The background is a blue-tinted architectural blueprint of a building. Overlaid on the blueprint are several white dimension lines with arrows and numbers. The numbers are 4, 13, 30, 24, and 6. The word 'BLUEPRINT' is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image. The letters are partially overlaid by the dimension lines.

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A GOSPEL FOUNDATION FOR BUILDING

AN UNCLUTTERED AND UNSTUCK CHURCH



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Matthew 1:20-23



"You are of great value and honor and will be called 'the Son of Man'."

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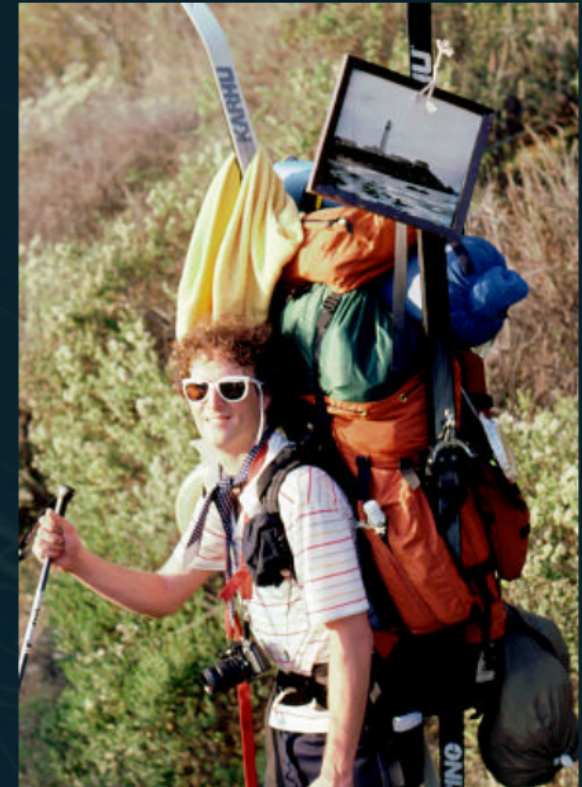
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Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,

and you will find rest for your souls.
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"One of you will be married and another will be given in marriage. But the kingdom of heaven will be like this: like a man who went out to buy pearls."

and he will buy one for himself. For he will say, 'I will buy this pearl, for I have found a treasure.' So he goes and buys it."



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Matthew 1:20-25
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 and he will be called for that name. For he will not see and his name will not be written.



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4. To show the church's vision

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1. To make the message of Jesus known
2. Give everyone a Gospel foundation to live unstuck and uncluttered
3. To lay the foundation for an unstuck and uncluttered church.
4. Many trained mentors



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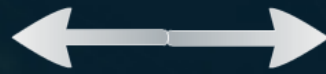
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John 10:9-10

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Repentance (#1) and Faith (#3)

#2 is Jesus.

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Proverbs
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5. How do you live in that relationship in the present situation?

"I try to please God."

Awesome.
Why?

Romans 1:17

For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

(Quote from Habakkuk 2:4)

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