

# Starting Out on the 12 Foundation Stones!

Every building needs a good foundation—the building of your life no less. The classes in this course are “foundation stones” upon which you can establish the house of your Christian life. Each foundation stone examines an area of faith, Biblical or practical knowledge, and should bring positive changes in your life. The changes will not only benefit you but also those you care about, equipping you to reach out to help others.

## Are You Ready to Begin?

Have you received Jesus as your Savior? He loves you! Jesus came for love and lived in love and died for love that we might live and love forever! God is *for* us—that is good. God is *with* us—that is better. God is *in* us—that is best!—And that’s what we can have by receiving Jesus!

If you have accepted Jesus, your life is established on the right foundation, for Jesus is the cornerstone:

*Isaiah 28:16—Therefore thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation.”*

*Ephesians 2:20b—Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone.*

The “cornerstone” according to the dictionary is the most important part of the foundation of a building. A foundation stone of this kind is often inscribed and laid at a ceremony that marks the beginning of building. Knowing the love of Jesus gives you the best foundation for a happy and productive life!

## A Journey of Discovery

If you want to learn more about Jesus and all that He has to offer, you are ready to start exploring the *12 Foundation Stones*.

Embarking on the *Activated Training Course* is similar to launching out on a journey of discovery! When embarking on such a journey, the goal is to explore fascinating and exotic places and discover things of wondrous value. Similarly, the goal here is to explore and discover the wonders of God and His Word that will make you spiritually rich beyond anything else that is valued in this world.

When embarking on a journey, you don’t go in a straight line from the starting point to your destination: You have to travel various roads that twist and turn. Yet you know you are pointed in the right direction and the end result will be worth the effort it took to get there.—And if at times you lose sight of the goal, the compass in your hand points you in the proper direction.

Likewise, in taking this course, you have in your hand the compass of the Word of God that is always pointing “true north” to lead you to your destination!

## Four Qualities for Your Journey!

Here are four important qualities for anyone who is going to launch out on a journey of exploration. Likewise, these same qualities are ones that you as an individual can make use of in embarking on this course.

### 1. Vision—Vision to see what others can’t see.

You say, “Hey, there’s a destination over there and I want to get there, even though others don’t want to or aren’t willing to make the journey. I want to get there and see what I find!” That same

kind of vision will help you to work through this material and integrate it into and make it a part of your life. And not only live it in your own life, but also pass it on to others and really change the world. That's a big vision!

## **2. Faith—Faith to believe what others don't believe.**

In today's world, having faith in God's Word is not such a common thing. By partaking of these things, you're participating in something that is unique and different. Just like someone who starts on a journey of discovery—it's not your everyday person who sets off to uncharted lands.

## **3. Initiative—Initiative to be willing to start the journey, to put your faith into action!**

As the old proverb says: "A journey of 1000 miles begins with the first step!" It is often easy for people to talk about things, but actually getting out and doing them is a different story.

## **4. Courage—To see it through to the end.**

This is where failure most often occurs in a journey of discovery—for "Well begun is only half done!" But with a bit of stick-to-itiveness you can make that commitment to tackle those pathways and know that with God's help you will succeed if you keep at it and don't give up.

# **Your Guide Will Always Be with You**

Once you have received Jesus, He will never leave you! His love for each of us is infinite. The gift of eternal salvation means He will be with you from now through all of eternity—every step of life's journey and beyond!

*John 6:37—All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.*

*John 10:28—And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.*

*Romans 8:38–39—For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

## **A Prayer for the Journey Through the 12 Foundation Stones Course**

Dear Jesus, thank You for living and dying for our sake, that we may be saved. Thank You for giving me the opportunity to know You better so that my life will be fuller and happier. I would like to fulfill the potential You have for me. Please help me to take the steps I need on each part of this journey. Help me to understand You better and to know Your ways. Help me to complete that which I have now begun, as Your Word promises, "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6). Amen.