



Be The Last House Standing

For our 29th Anniversary, our Theme was "Built To Last". Pastor Trent Washington came with a Word for us not to be moved from Psalms 62: 1-6, because the Lord is our ROCK AND OUR DEFENSE. As we position ourselves on the Rock, we will become bigger than our Circumstances, and not be moved.

How many times has Victory In Praise endured a possible shutdown in 29 years? Too many to name.

Bishop Anthony Willis followed with...It's our season of favor and increase. **Deuteronomy 6:3.** We are built for this. It's not the good times that make us. It's the time we cannot articulate the words that make us. The increase is my portion. Increase to be in authority and operate in abundance. We must grow beyond yesterday's pain. The spirit of Goshen shall be upon us.

Sunday's message was about how storms will come in your life, and reveal the type of foundation you have built upon from **Matthew 7: 24-27.** It is important for you to build with a foundation that will allow you to be the last house standing. Listen and do what God says to endure every storm that presents itself, you will find yourself still standing once the storm is over.

1. When you look at a house, have you ever inquired concerning the foundation? When we purchased 2029 E. Harding Way, the foundation had the construction company tell me, "You don't know what you have purchased"! This foundation broke two jackhammer blades when we were building the sanctuary bathrooms. Discuss the importance of a sure foundation.
2. Victory in Praise as a church had to endure Three types of Termites that threatened to cave in the roof of the church, endure being homeless as a church for 18 months, endure an electrical fire at the cost of one man losing his life, not to mention operating on a generator. approximately 8 months with no electricity on campus, and last but not least the embezzlement

of all funds available. These and many more were storms that the Lord defended us through. Discuss any time you have been on the verge to quitting and walking away. What kept you coming to Victory In Praise Church?

3. If it's not the good times that make us. How have bad times developed you and your faith down through the years? The Children of Israel lived in Goshen. How has Goshen played in the history of Victory In Praise Church? If you don't know the story of Goshen, review it from the Bible's perspective first before discussing Goshen.

4. Storms Hurricane Katrina, and Hurricane Iris. There is a storm with your name on it. What will it reveal about you and your foundation? What do you need to do to make sure you are the last house standing as we prepare ourselves for our next storm?

5. You might be going into a storm, currently in a storm, or coming out of a storm. Encourage one another to **BE THE LAST HOUSE STANDING** no matter how devastating their storm might be.