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Introduction:

With each new year comes a feeling of anticipation, excitement, and a dose of anxiety. We often approach it with intention and resolution. As we step into 2026, we take time to refresh our souls as we prepare our faith community for what God has planned.

Scripture:

For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building.

Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ.

Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

—1 Corinthians 3:9–17



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Discussion Questions:

1. How was your first full week of 2026? Best part? Worst part?
2. What is your favorite home-improvement or home-buying show?
3. Have you ever cut corners? Why? Was it worth it?
4. What kind of life are you building? Is it the kind of life you ultimately want, or are you cutting corners for short-term benefit?
5. What will you build your life with?
6. What foundation will you build your life on?
7. What will you do this week to build your life?