



**Haven Community Church
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"When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
– Matthew 16:13-19; 24-25 (NIV)

Build a Bridge Get Over... Yourself

I. Building a bridge...yourself

- Most difficult people are the hardest to communicate with
 - The most difficult person in life to get something across to is yourself

II. Turning points – Matthew 16

- Questions:
 - Who is Jesus?

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– Matthew 16:13 (NIV)

- Who am I?

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church..." – Matthew 16:18a (NIV)

- Result: Keys to the Kingdom

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven;" – Matthew 16:19 (NIV)

Using the Kingdom

- Revelation

"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven."
– Matthew 16:17 (NIV)

"Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law."
– Proverbs 29:18 (NIV)

- Attitude

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."
– Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

- Deny self/Humble

- Take up your cross

"There will be no crown wearers in Heaven who were not first cross bearers while on earth." – C. H. Spurgeon

- Follow Him

III. How to get over me

- Save or lose

"For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it." – Matthew 16:25 (NIV)

- Stop fooling yourself

"But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves."
– James 1:22 (NLT)

- View success differently

"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."
– John 12:24 (NIV)

- Get over accusation

- Get over heartbreak

- Get over thoughts & notions

- Fully give your life