

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Rev. Tony Felich

I Will Build My Church

Matthew 16:13-20

October 25, 2026

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
Matthew 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.	<i>Jesus Christ builds His Church by His divine power, establishes it upon a sure foundation, and guarantees its ultimate victory.</i> I. The confession of Christ that marks His Church (13–17) II. The foundation and authority Christ gives His Church (18–20) III. The certain victory Christ promises His Church (18) Memory verses for 2026- Ephesians 4:1–3 [1] I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you To walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, [2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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Sermon Application Questions	Prayer Requests
1. Jesus asks, "But who do you say that I am?" Why is this the most important question anyone will ever answer? How should our answer shape the way we live?	This week our family will lift up requests for:
2. Jesus tells Peter that his confession was revealed by the Father, not by flesh and blood. How should knowing that genuine faith is a supernatural work of God affect the way we evangelize, pray for unbelievers, and think about our own salvation?	
3. Jesus declares, "I will build my church." How should this promise encourage us when we see the church struggling, declining, or facing opposition? How might it change the way we think about our own responsibilities in the church?	This week our family will praise the Lord for:
4. Jesus gives the keys of the kingdom to His apostles, with the proclamation of the gospel being central to their exercise. Why must the faithful preaching of God's Word remain central to the church's mission? What happens when churches lose sight of this priority?	HFG Notes & Actions:
5. Jesus promises that "the gates of hell shall not prevail" against His church. How should this certainty of Christ's ultimate victory shape our confidence, courage, and willingness to engage a world increasingly hostile to Christianity?	Next HFG meeting is: