

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

God Is Reconstructing Detroit October 2, 2018 Susan Kirkwood

Reconstruction: To construct again

Build: To give form according to a definite plan or process; to mold; create
To establish and strengthen, create and add to.

To reconstruct is to first tear down and build again.

I am tearing down the old and making all things new. Tearing down means removing all that is not of Me, and restoring, and building up, under My will and My plans. I have great plans for Detroit. I am the Master builder and you are here to speak life and hope and love into the city.

Genesis 11.4

Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city Detroit, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves;

Matthew 7.24

 New American Standard Bible

"Detroit, Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.



Luke 6.48

 The Passion Translation

Detroit is like a man who chooses the right place to build a house and then lays a deep and secure foundation. When the storms and floods rage against Detroit, it continues to stand strong and unshaken through the tempest, for it has been wisely built on the right foundation.

- The news media continues to dwell on the negative and so we must continue to speak life into the city and not be moved by what we feel or what we see but we must stand firm against the negative and continue to speak life, life, life into the city and know that nothing is impossible with God.

Acts 20.32

 The Passion Translation

"And so now Detroit, I entrust you into God's hands and the message of his grace which is all that you need to become strong. All of God's blessings are imparted through the message of his grace, which he provides as the spiritual inheritance given to Detroit.

As Suzi shared last week from **John 15.5** New American Bible (Revised Edition)

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

- We share
 - His Heart
 - His vision
 - His direction
 - His Hope
 - His kingdom
 - His plans for reconstruction and rebuilding of Detroit

Acts 4.11-12 The Passion Translation

¹¹ This Jesus is ‘the stone that you, the builders, have rejected, and now he has become the cornerstone’ in Detroit! ¹² There is no one else who has the power to save us, for there is only one name to whom God has given authority by which we must experience salvation: *the name of Jesus*.



1 Peter 2.7 The Passion Translation

As believers you know his great worth—indeed, his preciousness is *imparted* to you Detroit But for those who do not believe: The stone that the builders rejected and discarded has now become the cornerstone of Detroit.

Matthew 21.42 The Passion Translation

Jesus said to them, “Haven’t you ever read the Scripture that says:

The very stone the builder rejected as flawed has now become the most important capstone of Detroit

This was the Lord’s plan –

isn’t Detroit a miracle for our eyes to behold?

We speak life, love, hope and prosperity as God has Detroit under construction and is rebuilding it according to His will. It has been said of Detroit – “As Detroit goes so goes the nation”.

