

**PILLARS**  
January 27, 2008

**Introduction** – In this first month of this New Year the Lord has spoken clearly and decisively that He wishes for us to grow in every aspect and He is laying the groundwork for that to take place. The first message spoke of “*Fully Embracing His Move*”. Several points were mentioned, one of which was to wipe our slates clean and expect and embrace change! In last Sunday’s message, “*Hot Button Topics*”, the Lord dealt with four unchanging foundational truths upon which the structure of change can be built. Today, He will tell us that unless we consistently and successfully move people from being *Seekers to Saints, an Audience to an Army, and Pillows to Pillars* we WILL NOT GROW UP INTO CHRIST IN EVERY ASPECT! The challenge will be issued. The question is: Where do you stand?

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*Eph 4:15* – “*Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ.*” /// *Gal 2:9* – “*James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars...*”

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## 1. STABILITY

- **STABLE IN -----SALVATION**

*Col 2:6-7* – “*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him...”*

- **STABLE IN -----SCRIPTURES**

*Eph 4:14* – “*Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by ... every wind of teaching...”*

- **STABLE IN -----STORMS**

*Mt 7:24-25* – “*Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”*

**\*Discussion:** What are the three areas a “pillar saint” will be stable in? Expound upon each one, sharing what each one means and why it is so important.

## 2. SUPPORT

- **F AITHFULNESS**

*Prov 20:6* – “*Many a man claims to have unfailing love, but a faithful man who can find?”*

- **FINANCES**

*2 Cor 9:6-7* – “*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ... God loves a cheerful giver.”*

- **F ELLOWSHIP**

*Gal 6:2* – “*Carry each others burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”*

**\*Discussion:** Expound upon the three areas a “pillar saint” will support, sharing what each one means and why it is so important.

### 3. STAND OUT

- **STANDARD OF GOD'S EXCELLENCE**

*Is 59:18(K.J.V.) – “When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.”*

*Is 60:2-3a – “See, darkness covers the earth, ...but the Lord rises upon you and His glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light.”*

*Mt 5:16 – “...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”*

**\*Discussion:**

1. This point says “pillar saints” will stand out. I thought that we weren't supposed to stand out? What does this point mean?
2. What analogy did Pastor share that shows we stand out even more the darker it gets?
3. How is this conditional? (Mt 5:16)