THE THEOLOGY OF SPACE AND PLACE

The church is not a building, but it always needs a place to gather. Spaces matter because people matter.

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The Bible does not tell the story of a God avoiding physical space; it tells the story of a God inhabiting it.

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PSALM 84:1-2

"How lovely is Your dwelling place,
O Lord Almighty.
My soul longs, even faints,
for the courts of the Lord."

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It tells us that place matters because presence matters. The temple was never about stone; it was about encounter.

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A building becomes a container for memory.

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Buildings do not save people, but they shape saved people.

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Homes gave intimacy. The temple gave visibility.

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The danger is not in having a building. The danger is in serving a building.

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Fellowship requires proximity. Proximity requires space.

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1. We must always remember that the church is the people.

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2. We must treat buildings as temporary stewardship rather than permanent possessions.

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3. We must allow mission to dictate space, not space to dictate mission.

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4. We must be willing to adapt spaces to new seasons.

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5. We must allow buildings to bring joy, not guilt.

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6. We must remember that buildings point beyond themselves.

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