I. Tower of Babel (Babylon)

A. Built by (1) Nimrod the first “mighty warrior” (Gen. 6:4; Num. 13:33; Deut. 2:20-21; 3:11; 1 Sam. 17; 2 Sam. 21:15-22)

B. (2) Rejection of God’s command to fill the earth (Gen. 9:1, 7)

C. Control (3) to heaven apart from God

D. Build our own (4) identity apart from God

E. Make ourselves (5) immune to God’s judgment (Josephus)

II. God’s response

A. He had to (6) come down in order to see the tower

B. He (7) graciously disrupts their evil unity

C. He calls Abram, (8) giving him a name (Gen. 12)

D. He sends the Spirit to empower the gospel to (9) all nations (Acts 2)

III. The human city project

A. Nimrod/Babylon vs. Abraham/City of God (Heb. 11:10; 12:22; Rev. 3:12; 21:2, 10)

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D. Know good and evil: Define for ourselves what is good, right, true, beautiful, real

IV. For Jesus Followers

A. Satan’s scheme is to (13) rob us of our true identity and God’s blessing and (14) divert us from fulfillment in God’s mission

B. Hear and follow Jesus, not “mighty warriors”

C. Join in building the City of God (Gen. 1:28; Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)

Things to Think About

1. God could have simply destroyed the city and tower. Why did he choose to confuse the people’s language instead?
2. Have you ever built a “tower” for yourself? What happened?
3. Does a personal ego still lead to babbling?
4. Who are some narcissistic folk in your life? What can you do to avoid getting caught up in their intentions?
5. Where do you see technology used to inflate human selfishness? To further God’s rescue mission?
6. What name has God given you? Where has He called you to go and do?
7. How can you be a voice of Jesus in a culture typified by anger and arrogance?

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GENESIS

IN THE BEGINNING...
GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD
His love endures forever
MALIBU STRONG
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day, November 22
11 am to 2 pm | Pepperdine University Cafeteria

Let’s join together as one community to share in a Thanksgiving meal as we move through the devastation of the Woolsey Fire. Everyone is welcome, including First Responders.
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   Gen. 6

**ULTIMATE ARROGANCE**
I. Tower of Babel (Babylon)

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1 Sam. 17

**ULTIMATE ARROGANCE**
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19 Elhanan killed the brother of Goliath the Gittite, who had a spear with a shaft like a weaver's rod.

20 In still another battle, which took place at Gath, there was a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot.

2 Sam. 21

**ULTIMATE ARROGANCE**
I. Tower of Babel (Babylon)
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But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."
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**ULTIMATE ARROGANCE**
A tower that will reach to heaven—how beautiful it is!

It can be seen for miles. In time of danger, we will rally our forces around it, no one is going to conquer and scatter us! With this tower, we'll be invincible!
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II. God's response

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5 in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." 8 you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
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**ULTIMATE ARROGANCE**
III. The human city project

A. Nimrod/Babylon vs. Abraham/City of God
8By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.
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16Instead, they were longing for a better country — a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.
2I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."
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C. Join in building the City of God
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And light to those in the darkness
And death to life now I'm alive
Oh you give peace to the restless
And joy to homes that are broken
I see you now, in you I'm found
And you opened the door for me
And you laid down
Your life to set me free
All that I am will serve you Lord