



Demolition

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People make a living by purchasing and renovating broken down single unit homes. It is often a timely and costly project. However, the goal is to have a new home that one could live in or sell so one can make a profit. Often, this requires things to be removed in order for new things to take the place of the old. The word often associated with this is demolition or deconstruction.

Typically, demolition involves getting the building inspected, acquiring the necessary permits, disconnecting existing services, tearing down the house, and hauling away the debris. However, there's more than one way to go about getting rid of a house.

Mechanical demolition is the most common form of demolition. This is the act of simply tearing down the house with the help of hydraulic excavators and other heavy machinery. The resulting debris is then hauled away via trailer or dumpster. Mechanical demolition is the cheapest and fastest solution, costing between \$4,000 and \$14,000 on average.

Deconstruction, also known as "demolition by hand," is another method of demolition. Deconstruction is the process of manually stripping and deconstructing the house piece by piece with the intent of salvaging as many of the materials inside the home as possible. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, deconstruction projects can recycle or reuse more than 70% of building materials, such as lumber, beams, doors, windows and more. Because everything is done manually, deconstruction takes much longer and costs significantly more than typical demolition methods. Interior demolition crews individually take off doors, light fixtures, sinks, tubs, copper pipes, glass from windows...even the nails in the floor boards can be removed and recycled. Because of the additional labor involved, expect to pay 2 to 3 times as much to deconstruct your home rather than demolish it.

The most highly recommended form of demolition is the combination of deconstruction and demolition. This includes the act of deconstructing the house first by going through and salvaging a portion of the reusable materials. Once all desired materials capable of being saved and reused are collected, the remaining structure is then demolished, and remaining debris is hauled away.

This is a great solution for those who want their demo process to be efficient, affordable, *and* environmentally responsible.¹

When sin entered it brought dysfunction, death, and pain. God always wants to bring life, renovation, and restoration. Before restoration God wants to remove the clutter of sin in our lives.

¹ "The Homeowner's Guide to Demolishing a House," Hometown Demolition Contractors, 2017, <http://www.hometowndemolitioncontractors.com/house-demolition.html> (accessed July 6, 2017).

COURAGE

C1: Describe the dysfunctions, death, and pain in your life. How do these things make you feel? What have you tried to alleviate these things from your life? How?

C2: Read and answer the following.

Genesis 3:1–10 (ESV) Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”

- Describe in your connection with the very first family, Adam and Eve.

C3: Spend fifteen minutes in prayer for the next thirty days in regard to your family. What do you sense God is telling you needs to be demolished or deconstructed from your family?

STRENGTH

S1: Read and answer the following.

Genesis 3:7 (ESV)

- From this verse, what do you glean God desires to demolish or deconstruct from your life?
- Describe what shame is to you? Describe a time in your life when you have experienced shame.

S2: Read and answer the following.

Isaiah 61:10 (ESV)

- From this verse, what is the good news you are promised?
- On a scale of 1-4, with 1 being not very hard and 4 being very hard, rate how hard it is for you to uncover your sin? Why?

S3: When you sin and the devil tells you, “You have blown it,” tell him, “You are right, but the blood of Jesus takes my sin and shame away.” Read and answer the following.

Psalms 85:2 (ESV)

Romans 10:11 (ESV)

- What do you glean from these two verses about repentance?



S4: In the next thirty days, discuss this lesson with three men. What did you glean from your discussion?

ENDURANCE

E1: Read and answer the following.

Genesis 3:9–10 (ESV)

- From these two verses, what is the something that needs to be demolished or deconstructed in your life?
- Describe what it means to be afraid. Have you ever been afraid of God? If so, how did you feel?
- How would you describe being afraid of God to your children? Spend thirty minutes this week discussing this concept with your children. What was their response? What did you glean from your conversation?

E2: Read and answer the following.

Psalm 111:10 (ESV)

Psalm 33:18 (ESV)

Psalm 118:4 (ESV)

1 John 4:18 (ESV)

Psalm 34:9 (ESV)

- What is the difference between being afraid of God and the fear of the Lord.
- What are four things you glean from these Scriptures in regard to the fear or the Lord?

- How would you describe the fear of the Lord with your children? Spend thirty minutes one night this week to discuss the fear of the Lord. What was their response? What did you glean from your conversation?

E3: Read and answer the following.

Genesis 3:11–13 (ESV)

- From these verses, what needs to be demolished or deconstructed?
- Who do you blame when you mess up? Why?

Ephesians 4:2 (ESV)

- According to this scripture, when someone fails how should respond?
- On a scale of 1-4, with 1 being very patient and 4 being not very patient, rate yourself on how patient you are with yourself? With others? Write out a plan to improve.

E4: Read **Genesis 3:14-19 (ESV)** and answer the following.

- From these verses, what should you demolish or deconstruct?
- What happens in your home when you do not demolish division?
- What happens to your mission when you do not demolish division?



E5: In the next thirty days, find three men with which to share this lesson. What was their response? What did you glean?