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### Problem – Trials Come

→ **John 16:33 (NLT)** <sup>33</sup>I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

→ **1 Peter 4:12 (NLT)** *Suffering for Being a Christian* <sup>12</sup>Dear friends, don’t be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you.

### Problem – We Can Forget The Foundation, and The Stability-In-Jesus!

#### Foundations and Cornerstones

##### ▪ Foundation

**Matthew 7:24–27 (NLT)** *Building on a Solid Foundation*

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<sup>25</sup>Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. <sup>26</sup>But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. <sup>27</sup>When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

##### ▪ Cornerstone

In first-century building construction, a cornerstone was the inaugural, most crucial stone laid at the corner of a structure, determining its stability, alignment, and orientation. It was typically the largest, strongest, and most carefully chosen stone, serving as the foundational reference point for all subsequent masonry work.

#### Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone

**Matthew 21:42–44 (NLT)** <sup>42</sup>Then Jesus asked them, “Didn’t you ever read this in the Scriptures? ‘The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone. This is the LORD’s doing, and it is wonderful to see.’ <sup>43</sup>I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation that will produce the proper fruit. <sup>44</sup>Anyone who stumbles over that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone it falls on.”

**Acts 4:8–12 (NLT)** <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of our people, <sup>9</sup> are we being questioned today because we’ve done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? <sup>10</sup> Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup> For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, ‘**The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.**’ <sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”

**Psalms 118:22–23 (NLT)** <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This is the Lord’s doing, and it is wonderful to see.

**Romans 9:33 (NLT)** <sup>33</sup> God warned them of this in the Scriptures when he said, “I am placing a stone in Jerusalem that makes people stumble, a rock that makes them fall. But anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.”

**Matthew 16:15–19 (NLT)** <sup>15</sup> Then he asked them, “**But who do you say I am?**” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “**You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being.** <sup>18</sup> **Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.** <sup>19</sup> **And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.**”

**18** καὶ ἐγὼ σοὶ λέγω ὅτι σὺ εἶ Πέτρος, καὶ ἐπὶ ταύτῃ τῇ πέτρᾳ οἰκοδομήσω μουτὴν ἐκκλησίαν καὶ πύλαι ᾗδου οὐ κατισχύσουσιν αὐτῆς.

**Morphology:** N-NM-S **Strong's:** 4074 **Transliterated:** Petros **Root:** Πέτρος

Peter = "a rock or a stone" 1) one of the twelve disciples of Jesus

**Morphology:** N-DF-S **Strong's:** 4073 **Transliterated:** petra **Root:** πέτρα

1) a rock, cliff or ledge 1a) a projecting rock, crag, rocky ground 1b) a rock, a large stone 1c) metaph. a man like a rock, by reason of his firmness and strength of soul

**Ephesians 2:19–22 (NLT)** *A Temple for the Lord* <sup>19</sup> So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. **You are citizens along with all of God’s holy people. You are members of God’s family.**

<sup>20</sup> Together, we are his house, **built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.** <sup>21</sup> We are carefully joined together in him, **becoming a holy temple for the Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

**1 Peter 2:5–6 (NLT)** <sup>5</sup> **And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple.** What’s more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. <sup>6</sup> As the Scriptures say, “I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.”

**1 Corinthians 3:1–15** (NLT) *Paul and Apollos, Servants of Christ* Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, <sup>3</sup> for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world? <sup>4</sup> When one of you says, "I am a follower of Paul," and another says, "I follow Apollos," aren't you acting just like people of the world?

<sup>5</sup> After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. <sup>6</sup> I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. <sup>7</sup> It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. <sup>9</sup> For we are both God's workers. **And you are God's field. You are God's building.**

<sup>10</sup> Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ.

<sup>12</sup> Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. <sup>13</sup> But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. <sup>14</sup> If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

- **Jesus is the foundation of the family, the faith, and the Way.**
- **The apostles built on the that foundation and what they built became part of the foundation of the church family.**
- **We are living stones that are built upon that – making up the temple which holds God's Spirit (in old testament Gods Spirit was in the holy of holies in the temple, now its us)**

### Take Aways:

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1. **We Can Know Who The Chief Cornerstone is Jesus!**
2. **We Can Really Know Him!**
3. **He is Precious or Most Valuable!**
4. **When Shaken, You Need Him!**

**Matthew 7:24–27** (NLT) *Building on a Solid Foundation* <sup>24</sup> "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. <sup>25</sup> Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. <sup>26</sup> But

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**5. He Who Listens To Jesus' Teaching and Follows Is Building Life on The Solid Rock!**

**6. On Him We Are Held Up By a Certain Foundation No Matter What Happens!**

**Psalm 62:2 (NLT)** <sup>2</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will never be shaken.

**7. He is my Rock, Salvation, Fortress**