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1 Peter 2:6-8 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.” Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for **those who reject him**, “The stone that **the builders rejected** has now become the cornerstone.” And, “He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they do not obey God’s word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.

4. We must _____ who we are.

1 Peter 2:9-10 But you are not like that, for you are a **chosen** people. You are royal **priests**, a **holy nation**, **God’s very own possession**. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. “Once you had no identity as a people; now **you are God’s people**. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God’s mercy.”

5. We must be an _____ as we _____ our faith.

1 Peter 2:11-12 Dear friends, I warn you as “**temporary residents and foreigners**” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. Be careful to **live properly among your unbelieving neighbors**. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will **see your honorable behavior**, and **they will give honor to God** when he judges the world.

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