

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Forming a Resilient Identity

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¹ Peter 2:4-10 You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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." ⁷ 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." ⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ "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."

What does a resilient identity in Jesus look like?

A resilient identity in Jesus:

- **Is built on Jesus first.**

Ephesians 2:20-21 Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. ²¹ We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.

- **Means being a part of God's house.**

- **Is to be sacred and set apart.**

- **Is to be an ambassador.**

¹ Peter 1:8-9 You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. ⁹ The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

Big Idea: Form a resilient identity in Christ through transformational experiences with Jesus.

Experience Jesus by practicing the Way of Jesus.



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#2 of 6 - September 25, 2022

- 1) Last week we looked at how to use our trials to refine our faith rather than sideline it. What has God been impressing on your heart as it relates to growing in your relationship with Him? How did it go with your action step? Where have you seen God working?
- 2) Take time to have one person explain and the practice the 3 Circles Gospel Presentation or share their testimony.
- 3) Read 1 Peter 2:4-10. What is the **Context** for this passage? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer / speaker and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 4) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about this passage?
- 5) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in these passages for us and what does this tell us about forming a resilient identity in Jesus? What are the implications for those who want to follow Jesus?
- 6) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? What does it look like for you to experience Jesus this week? How can you practice the way of Jesus?
- 7) How do these verses call on you to change the way you live? What step will you take today? What principles do you need to pass on to others this week?



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