

Rock of Ages...

Cornerstone or Stumbling Stone

We live in a culture built on shifting sand. Ideologies change overnight, circumstances turn in an instant, and our human efforts frequently crumble under the weight of life's trials. But from Genesis to Revelation, Scripture points us to an unchanging truth: God is our Rock, our Fortress, our immovable Foundation, and the Cornerstone of lives.

Over the next few weeks, we will take a journey through the physical and metaphorical stones of the Bible. From the protective fortress of God in Psalms to the wilderness rocks, the rejected cornerstone of salvation, the transformation of our hearts of stone, and our modern identity as living stones...this series will show us the only foundation that cannot be shaken.

24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."
Matthew 7:24-27

The Rejected Stone

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? Matthew 21:42

Never judge your worth or truth by culture's standards. Culture rejected Jesus. Align your values with what God honors...not what the world praises.

The Cornerstone

16 So this is what the Sovereign Lord says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic. Isaiah 28:16

20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. Ephesians 2:20

Check your priorities against Christ. Are your marriage, career, and finances squared up to His word, or are you trying to force Him to fit your "blueprint"?

The Stumbling Stone

7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” 8 and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. 1 Peter 2:7-8

You cannot simply bypass Jesus. Attempting to live independently of Him turns the Savior into your ultimate stumbling block. Surrender your pride to Him today.

God is our Fortress, Shield, and Unchanging Rock FOREVER

The Second Mile: *Going Beyond Sunday*

Let’s dig deeper together to see how God is calling and equipping each of us to reach the lost.

Monday – What spoke to your heart most from Sunday’s message about Jesus being both a Cornerstone and a Stumbling Stone?

Tuesday – The cornerstone dictated every angle of the structure. Is there an area of your life (finances, career, other habits) that isn't aligned with Christ's standards?

Wednesday – Read 1 Peter 2:7–8. Why does the gospel message cause some people to stumble while giving others deep peace?

Thursday – Where are you tempted to compromise God’s truth to fit in with cultural expectations that reject the "Cornerstone"?

Friday – Take an inventory of your calendar and priorities for the upcoming week. What is one adjustment you can make to place Christ firmly at the center of your priorities?