

Rock of Ages...

Thirst No More

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 Drought

1 All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" Exodus 17:1-3

We walk in a parched land. We are parched and looking for anything to quench our thirst. We have been drinking the waters of world (things, approval of others, our performance) trying to satisfy a soul-thirst that only God can quench.

The Substitution

5 And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. Exodus 17:5-6

Jesus was struck on Calvary, by God's holy justice, so that the Holy Spirit's grace could flow freely into your life.

The Presence

4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:4

If you are in a dry season of grief, change, or burnout, stop searching for your own solutions...tap into the power of God, in Jesus, through His Word and prayer.

On This Rock

18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell[b] shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18

16 for though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes. Proverbs 24:16 NIV

You will get knocked down. You will want to quit. You will get that option. Recognize the power of God in you and GET UP!!!

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 – Israel walked in the “wilderness” physically and spiritually. In what areas of your life are you feeling a sense of "wilderness" or spiritual dryness?

Tuesday – Israel reacted to their physical thirst with complaints and doubt. What is your default reaction when God doesn't answer your prayers the way you want or on your timeline?

Wednesday – Read 1 Corinthians 10:4. How does knowing that Jesus was "struck" on the cross change how you view God's grace today?

Thursday – What temporary "salt water" of the world (approval, entertainment, purchases, or control) have you been “drinking” to satisfy a thirst that only Christ can quench?

Friday – Set aside 15 minutes today with no phone or distractions and sit quietly in prayer. Ask God to refresh your thirsty soul and point your next steps out clearly.