

Rock of Ages...

The Lord is my Rock

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 Character of the Rock

1 I love you, O Lord, my strength. 2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 31 For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God? Psalm 18:1-2 & 31

We must stop seeking ultimate security in bank accounts, titles, or political stability. We must anchor our identity to God's unfailing character rather than life's shifting alternative.

The Shelter of the Rock

3 I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. 4 The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; 5 the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. 6 In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. Psalm 18:3-6

When the winds blow and the rain falls...and they will. When anxiety or attacks hit this week...make your first move a pivot into prayer and Scripture rather than to coping mechanisms that offer no actual shield.

The Strength of the Rock

32 the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless. 33 He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights. 34 He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. 35 You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me, and your gentleness made me great. 36 You gave a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip. Psalm 18:32-36

Trusting God as your Rock isn't passive—it gives you the confidence to make hard, righteous decisions in your workplace or family knowing He secures your footing.

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 – When you think about your life, what "shifting sand" (finances, job, relationships, health) have been consuming most of your emotional energy?

Tuesday – Psalm 18 calls God a fortress and high tower. In practical terms, what does it look like for you to "run into" (into His protection) God as your refuge when anxiety strikes?

Wednesday – Read Psalm 18:31. Why is it so tempting to create our own mini "rocks" (control, wealth, reputation) rather than trusting in the Lord alone?

Thursday – David says God makes our feet like the feet of a deer on high places. Where in your life do you need God to secure your footing to make hard, righteous decisions?

Friday – Identify one area of worry you've been carrying this week. Write it down, pray over it, and consciously hand it over to your unshakeable God before the weekend.