

Built On What Matters Part 2 HANDOUT

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A building can be completed. God's work in His people never is.

KEY THOUGHT #1: We are being built around Jesus.

1 Peter 2:4–6 ⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

Christianity is fundamentally about a person. Jesus.

And then Peter says something remarkable: He was “rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him.”

Peter says: **Don't measure Jesus by the world's rejection of Him. Measure Jesus by God's declaration about Him.**

KEY THOUGHT #2: If Jesus is precious to God, **He must become precious to us.**

1 Peter 2:5 “You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house...”

- **God is building you.**

And then Peter says: “You also...”

- **And now we are living stones connected to Him.**

A Christian is someone whom **God is building into something.**

Peter doesn't say: “You are being built into a spiritual house” merely as isolated individuals. The picture is of **stones being assembled together.**

God doesn't just want to build *you*. He wants to build **us**.

KEY THOUGHT #3: God uses people to shape people.

Now Peter moves from identity to mission.

1 Peter 2:9 ⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

- **Chosen people** - Your identity begins with God's grace. You belong to Him.
- **Royal priesthood** - A priest had access to God and represented God to others.
- **Holy nation** - Set apart

God's special possession. This is identity language.

God is building us into something **so that we can show people who He is.**

KEY THOUGHT #4: Mission flows from identity.

We don't represent Jesus because we're trying to earn God's approval...We represent Jesus because **we belong to Him.**

Your life is telling a story about Jesus.

1 Peter 2 gives us three identities:

1. **Jesus is the Living Stone.**
2. **We are living stones.**
3. **Together, we are God's spiritual house.**

Then Peter gives us our purpose: **To declare His praises.**

God isn't trying to make you comfortable. He's trying to make you useful.

LIFE POINT: God isn't just building a place for us to gather; He's building a people through whom Jesus can be seen.