

Building Your Family on the Rock Living Hope in Troubled Times – Part 3

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Matthew 7:24-25 (ESV) “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 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.

Ephesians 2:19-21 (ESV) ... you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

1. Throw away the old to make room for the _____

1 Peter 2:1 (ESV) So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

1 Peter 2:2-3 (ESV) Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

2. Build together as a _____

1 Peter 2:4 (ESV) As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,

1 Peter 2:5 (ESV) you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

3. Trust your _____ when challenges come

1 Peter 2:6 (ESV) For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

1 Peter 2:7 (ESV) So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

1 Peter 2:8 (ESV) and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

4. Embrace your _____ as God’s chosen family

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV) But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:10 (ESV) Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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Intro. What are some of the challenges to building a strong family?

How is building your family like building a house (Matthew 7:24-25)?

Why is it important to recognize that your family needs to be part of God's household in the local church (Ephesians 2:19-21)?

1A. What are some of the things that your family needs to throw away (1 Peter 2:1)?

1B. What are some of the things that your family needs to grow in (1 Peter 2:2-3)?

1C. How could your family grow in studying and applying God's Word?

2A. Why is it essential to build your family on the rock of Jesus (1 Peter 2:4)?

2B. Explain how your family members and church members are like living stones in God's house (1 Peter 2:5).

2C. What are some practical ways that the members of your family could grow as living stones?

3A. How does knowing that Jesus is the cornerstone of your faith and family encourage you (1 Peter 2:6)?

3B. What are the consequences for unbelievers who are not part of God's house (1 Peter 2:7-8)?

3C. How would you explain to someone who didn't think they needed church why church is essential for every believer?

4A. What is the mission of your personal family and the church family according to 1 Peter 2:9?

4B. How can the truth of 1 Peter 2:10 encourage you when times are tough?

4C. What are some ways that your family can share God's light with others?