



1 Peter 2:4-10

Still Standing - Mar 8, 2026

Message Recap

Peter writes to believers who felt rejected and pressured by the world around them. He reminds them that faith is not just about attending something, it's about **coming to Jesus and being built into something God is forming**.

First, Peter points to Jesus as the **Living Stone**. Though rejected by people, He was chosen and precious to God. Our worth is not determined by the crowd but by Christ. When we come to Him, His voice begins to replace the voices that have defined us.

Second, Peter explains that believers are **living stones being built together into a spiritual house**. Faith was never meant to be lived in isolation. God grows us through belonging...through community, shared faith, and contribution.

Finally, Peter says everyone responds to Jesus in one of two ways: He becomes either the **foundation we build our lives on** or the stone we continually stumble over. For those who believe, Peter declares a new identity: **chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession**...all made possible because of God's mercy that calls us out of darkness and into His light.

Icebreaker / Personal Reflection

- **Icebreaker:**

Pastor Byron's intro included a hospital...share with the Group the worst injury or ailment you've had to endure.

- **Reflection:**

What part of the message resonated with you the most?

Discussion Questions

- **The introduction compared attending church without belonging to someone sitting in a hospital lobby without checking in. Why do you think it's possible to be around faith but still feel unchanged?**
- **When have you noticed the crowd's voice influencing your decisions or identity? What practical steps can help make God's voice the one that carries the most weight?**

- In 1 Peter 2:5–6, Peter says believers are being built together into a spiritual house. What does this picture teach us about the role of community in spiritual growth?
- Why do you think isolation can weaken faith, even when someone believes in God?
- Peter describes believers as chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and God’s special possession (1 Peter 2:9). Which of these identities stands out most to you and why?

For Additional Study

Isaiah 28:16 NIV

“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.’”

- What does it mean for Jesus to be described as a “tested” and “sure” foundation? How might that contrast with the things people often build their lives on today?
- The verse says the one who trusts in this cornerstone “will never be stricken with panic.” How can anchoring your life in Christ change the way you respond to pressure, uncertainty, or fear?

Ephesians 2:19–22 NIV

“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”

- Paul says believers are no longer strangers but members of God’s household. How does this picture deepen Peter’s idea that we are “living stones” being built together?
- What difference does it make to see the church not simply as a place we attend, but as a structure God is building where His presence dwells? How might that perspective change the way we engage in community?