A Sojourner's Guide

1 Peter 2:4-8

As sojourners, Peter encourages us with a metaphor of a stone structure. God, as the Master Mason, is at work in us creating a spiritual house dedicated for the worship of Him. How does this metaphor touch your life today? Let's find out.

A Living Stone

John 5:24, Ephesians 2:4-10, Romans 5:6-10

How does a stone become living? A stone, by itself is just a stone. But a stone picked up by the hand of the Mason has incredible potential. As the Master Mason, God has chosen you for the gift of salvation. His gift redeems you from death into life. Have you received His gift? If so, take time to remember the moment you were made alive in Christ, and thank God for His work in you. If not, then consider this: We are all sinners in need of a Savior, and Jesus is the only One who is able to reconcile and redeem. He paid your debt. Seek Him today to receive His precious gift.

Built On The Cornerstone Matthew 7:21-27, 1 Corinthians 3:9-11

The Master Mason has a master plan for the work in progress. He is building on the foundation of Jesus Christ, and each new believer has a designated place in His plan. He has the knowledge and the skill to shape each stone to perfectly fit His design. How are you building on the foundation of Jesus Christ? How is God shaping you for His purpose and His plan? How are you modeling your life after Jesus? In what ways are you obedient to His commands? In what ways do you struggle to be obedient?

Built Into A Spiritual House Ephesians 2:17-22, Ephesians 4:11-16

A stone, shaped, fitted, and placed by the Master Mason, is strengthened from the foundation and becomes immovable. Each living stone provides support to the stones surrounding it, and is a foundation for stones that come after. These aren't just bricks in a wall, but unique stones chosen and fitted so that the resulting house is perfectly complete. In what ways are you immovable in your faith? How are you building on those who came before you. How are you serving as a foundation for those coming after you?

A Holy Priesthood, Offering Up Spiritual Sacrifices, Acceptable and Pleasing to God Hebrews 13:15-16, Hebrews 4:14-16, Romans 12:1

We are a holy priesthood with Jesus, Himself as our Great High Priest. He is our foundation and our example as we walk before God in holiness. What are you doing to continue growing in the area of personal holiness? What are you sacrificing in order to become holy? What are you sacrificing in order to praise God in a manner worthy of Him? How is the command to do good to others becoming a sacrifice in your life? How are you sharing with others, and what are you sacrificing in order to do so?