



Here & Now
Rising Above the Storm

1 Peter 2:4-10 "As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵ **you 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. ⁶ For 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.' ⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,' ⁸ and, 'A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. ⁹ But 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. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

Matthew 16:18 "I will build my church..."

Ephesians 2:19-22 "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² **And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.**"

Am I willing to be _____ by Christ.

Jeremiah 18:1-4 "This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ² 'Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message.' ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴ But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, **shaping it as seemed best to him.**"

Am I willing to be _____ by Christ.

"...you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation..."