

The Cornerstone

A Devotion on Matthew 21:42

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

MATTHEW 20:16

Have you ever watched a building being constructed? Before the walls go up and before the roof is added, there has to be a solid foundation. At the corner of that foundation was once placed a cornerstone—a carefully chosen stone that helped establish the position of the entire building. Everything else was measured from it. Jesus tells us that He is our Cornerstone. That is a wonderful thing to remember, especially when life doesn't always feel steady. There are times when we may feel as though the things we've built our lives upon are shifting. Our health changes. Friends and family move away. We lose people we love. The things that once gave us confidence may no longer be there in the same way. But, Jesus does not change. The people around us may change. Our circumstances may change. Even our own strength and abilities may change. Christ remains the same.

The tenants in Jesus' parable rejected the owner's son. They wanted the vineyard for themselves and refused to recognize the authority of the one to whom it belonged. Yet the Son they rejected became the cornerstone. And this is the remarkable promise of the Gospel: the Christ whom the world rejected is the Christ who comes to us in mercy. We don't have to build our lives perfectly. We don't have to be strong enough to handle everything that comes our way. We don't have to earn God's love. Christ has already done what we could never do.

He died for us. He rose for us. And He promises to remain with us. So, when life feels uncertain, remember your Cornerstone. When you are lonely, He is still there. When you are afraid, He is still there. When you don't understand what God is doing, He is still there. And, when you wonder whether you have been forgotten, remember this: You have not been forgotten by Christ.

Your next visit will be:



DISCUSSION TOPICS

Use these questions to guide your conversation during your visit.

- 1 Where have you seen God's faithfulness in your life?
- 2 Is there something in your life that feels uncertain or difficult right now?
- 3 How does knowing that Christ is your Cornerstone give you comfort?

A Closing Thought

When we visit, we are reminded of God's never-ending invitation — a living picture of His grace that says, "You are not forgotten. You are valuable. You are part of God's family."



A FEW BOUNDARIES TO REMEMBER

- We provide Christian companionship — not medical care, counseling, transportation, or household help.
- Do not give or accept money or significant gifts.
- Keep communication appropriate and primarily related to visits.
- Do not make unscheduled visits. If a need arises that is outside our role, contact a pastor.
- Love them without taking responsibility for them.

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