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## Rolling Stones, Dead Rock or a Living Stone

There is a story, the truthfulness of it cannot be confirmed, that illustrates a truth of God taught in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. The story tells of that time when Solomon was building the temple. The Bible says that there were 80,000 laborers in the mountains who quarried the stones for the temple (**1 Kings 5:15**), and these were then moved to Jerusalem. The stones are described as being large (one foundation stone has been discovered that was 38’ 9” long and weighed 100 tons), costly and hewn to perfection (**1 Kings 5:17**).

The most remarkable aspect of the building of this magnificent building was what happened when stones arrived to be put in place. “And the temple...was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built” (**1 Kings 6:7**).

It is at this point where the unconfirmed story enters. It is said that one stone arrived in Jerusalem, and they laid it aside not knowing where it was to be placed. In that type of building, the most important stone was the one which brought the walls and the roof together—called the cornerstone. The story tells of how later they could not find it, but eventually found the cornerstone they had rejected and laid aside.


Whether that part of the story is true or not has little to do with the application made about the place of Jesus in the building of God’s new temple, the church. Peter describes Jesus in this way: “A living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious” (**1 Pet. 2:9**). The Old Testament background of this is then quoted by Peter. Isaiah prophesied, “Behold I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame...the stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone” (**1 Pet. 2:5; Isa. 28:16**). The apostle then added to this the words of David, “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone” (**Psa. 118:22**).

What does all of this have to do with us in our day. Look again at the words of Peter. He calls Jesus the *living* stone, rejected by men. The Jews saw Him as dead, but such was far from the truth. Jesus is alive and the chief cornerstone of the church.

But there is more, for Peter describes us. “You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (**1 Pet. 2:5**). Every time the world looks down on you, remember how God honored the rejected Chief Cornerstone. We may be rejected by men, but God sees us as the stones who make up His holy temple.

- Dan Jenkins (PBLCoC)

We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
To give glory to God  
To be unified in reaching others  
To be living witnesses for Christ



*Welcome to the  
Palm Springs Church of Christ*

May the peace and love of God rest upon and within all who have come to worship the holy God. Lift up your hearts. Praise God with joy. Welcome to all!

*“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. (Ephesians 6:18)”*

**Pray for our Church family:**  
Please keep Byron in your prayers as he continues to suffer from chronic headaches. We also ask that you continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

**Pray for family & friends:**  
Pray for Dail’s sister Pat who was recently in a car accident, for Marjorie Counts who is in hospice care, for Dustin Parker’s dad, Mike who continues to recover from a stroke and for Kerry’s co-worker, George Dagnino who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Pray for the improved health of: Michelle Candelario, Jim & Mary Ann D’Arcy, Mary Fields, Shyanna Francis, Joy Gabel Filip-pone, Keith & Lisa Britton, Kathy’s husband Kevin, Derek Fields, Dail’s friends Marie C. and Teddy K.

**First responders:** Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Alisha K. (EMT); Jo-anna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both MI Patrol Officers); Dr. Janice Massey of N.C.

**Military:**  
Jeff Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy’s family T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

**Prayer Warriors Corner**

Dear God, give me patience when You seem to be late. I don’t have to understand Your plans. But help me trust that You are good and Your schedule is flawless. Amen.

All God’s Creatures; Tez Brooks -  
Read: Lamentations 25-30

**News:**  
  
Please keep Roy in your prayers as he travels to various parts of Canada this month, for Mae as she was recently in a car accident and for Phyllis who is suffering with shingles.

Please join us for Sunday morning bible study, as we explore the book of Leviticus. Class begins at 9:30, we hope to see you there.

**The Community Food Bank:** At this time, the most critically needed items are: 1 pound packs of spaghetti and canned pasta sauce. Other non-perishable items such as: small packs of rice and dried beans, Ramen/Cup of Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, canned tomatoes, & canned fruit are also welcome! Your donation is greatly appreciated.

**In Search of the Lord’s Way:** Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon.

**Where is Jesus in the church?** When you begin to think about what the Bible says regarding Jesus’ relationship to the church, could you identify **where** Jesus is in the church? The Bible says that Jesus is **the foundation** (and chief cornerstone) of the church (1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:20). Therefore, in one sense, Jesus is **under** the church. The Bible says that Jesus is **the head** of the church (Eph. 1:22-23, Col. 1:18). Therefore, in one sense, Jesus is **over** the church. The Bible says that Jesus is **the captain** of the church (2 Tim. 2:3-4; Heb. 2:10). Therefore, in one sense, Jesus is **before** the church. The Bible says that Jesus is **the shepherd** of the church (John 10:11; 1 Pet. 5:4). Therefore, in one sense, Jesus is alongside the church. The Bible says that Jesus is **the Savior** of the church (Eph. 5:23; Acts 20:28). There fore, in one sense, Jesus is **for** the church. The Bible says that Jesus is **the heart** of the church (Col. 1:18; Matt. 26:29; Eph. 4:15; Heb. 2:17-18; Col. 3:11). Therefore, in one sense, Jesus is **inside** the church.

Where is Jesus in the church? The church is all-about Him and He is all-about the church! As a member of His church, Jesus is all-about you! Are you all-about Him? Where is Jesus?  
David Sproule (PBLCoC)

**Sermon Topic:**

**“Where is Jesus? - Part 2”**

**Birthdays:**

Blake Axsom:	7/15
Yanira Fuentes:	7/18

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

B & A Axsom:	7/19
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**Bible study: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.**

**Worship service: Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.**

**WORSHIP ORDER**

**WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER**  
904: Have You Been to Jesus? (1-3)  
383: Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross (1-3)  
**COMMUNION & OFFERING: 1 Cor. 11:23-26**  
716: Sing to Me of Heaven (1-3)  
**INTERLUDE**  
909: There’s a Fountain Free (1-3)  
**SERMON**  
**INVITATION**  
915: Trust and Obey (1,2 & 5)  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER**

While we continue to have in-person worship service on Sunday mornings, we understand that there are still many of our number that are still not comfortable attending. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, and that you are truly missed. God bless us all and our families and loved ones too.

**Sermons on line:** For the most recent locally recorded sermon, simply go to the Palm Springs Church of Christ webpage and click on the “sermons” category at the top of the page.

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