

2022

**HELP
YOU
SHINE**

Vision &
Values

our voices
in our values

Welcome to
#bcc

**Defy
Gravity**

A Stone's Throw
Away to Pray

2023



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BOLDNESS

EMBODY

TRAILBLAZING

“we are the Heart of God in our world”

◆ Holy Spirit Led

◆ Multiethnic

◆ Free in-Christ

◆ Hospitable

◆ Mercy Strategies

◆ everyone

◆ everyone prays

◆ everyone plays

◆ everyone heals

◆ Supernatural in Services
and Streets

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alive & active Word of ministering today!

'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity! It is
like the precious oil upon the head,
Running down on the beard, The beard of
Aaron, Running down on the edge of his
garments. It is like the dew of Hermon,
Descending upon the mountains of Zion;
For there the Lord commanded the
blessing— Life forevermore.' Psalms 133:1-3
Unity · Anointing Oil · Whole body · Blessing

"Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the
Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we
all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a
mirror the glory of the Lord, are being
transformed into the same image from
glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the
Lord.' II Corinthians 3:17-18

**Holy Spirit · Free in-Christ · God's GLORY ·
Transformed / Change · by seeing GLORY!**



HOSANNA

Please, Lord, Save Us!



LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! Psalm 118:25
"Save, Please!" Save Now! -- "Salvation! Thank you!"
"Blessed and Praise God!"

Hosanna! House of Prayer – every1prays

Luke 19: 29 And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,

37 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;

Matthew 21: 8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. 9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. 10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, **all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?**

11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus 12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, 13 And said unto them, It is written, **My house shall be called the house of prayer;** but ye have made it a den of thieves. 14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. 15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased, 16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?



A Stone's Throw Away to Pray Study 1

A Call to Watch and Pray in Vision & Values

Hosanna

House of Prayer

Watch & Pray

Intro to A Stone's Throw

Part 1 Study Session

Stones

Jesus Is The ROCK!

we are HIS lively stones!

we are kings and priests unto God!

we Go from God's Glory to Glory

Tracking The Context of The Text Regarding Watch & Pray

Matthew 26: 38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. 39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. 40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing (ready), but the flesh is weak.

[Mark 14: 38 Watch ye and pray,...]

- give strict attention to, be active, (rooted- to arouse, cause to rise; to raise up, cause to appear, produce
- Accordingly the meaning here is that of vigilance and expectancy as contrasted with laxity and indifference.

Luke 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. 37 And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives. 38 And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him.

- He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed. Jesus had spent His nights there during that week, and He examples, models, and ushers us into watching and praying.

Pray that you may not enter into temptation: As Jesus began to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36 and Mark 14:32 name it so) He began by encouraging the disciples of their need to pray. Jesus Himself needed to pray for strength to pass the difficult ordeal to come. The disciples had their own ordeal to face, and needed all the more to pray.

03 Some Symbolism of Stones in Scripture

Remember The Remarkable; and/or Silence and Stillness; Salvation is on the way

- (Genesis 28: 18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. 19 And he called the name of that place Bethel)
 - Pillow – Rest
 - Pillar – Personal Vertical Memorial with an Altar;
 - Poured Oil on it– Target of Anointing
 - Place – Bethel (def.) House of God
- Let us Remember that JESUS Is The ROCK – 1 Corinthians 10: 3 All of them ate the same spiritual food, 4and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that Rock was Christ.
 - Jesus said, “Come unto me for Rest!”
 - Jesus Christ is Now our only Altar
 - Jesus was Anointed with The Holy Ghost
 - Jesus Christ body is the Temple and HE has made us a HiS building to dwell in our midst!
- (Joshua 4:5b and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel: 6 That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones 7 Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.)
 - Sign – used for instruction
 - Answer – Together Horizontal Memorial
- One symbol of Stone in the Bible is Silence and Stillness, symbolizing (Ex. 15:16 still as a stone).

04 Some Symbolism of Stones in Scripture

Examples of Complex Understandings of Stones – But Readily Available

- Again mixed meanings in Jesus's 40 days of fasting in the wilderness. There, the devil tempts Jesus to hasten his mission by transforming stones into bread (Lk 4:3) & leaping over the edge of a cliff (of stones). Enticing Jesus with will you die, for "On their hands angels will bear you up, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone" (Lk 4:11).
- Let us Remember that JESUS Is The ROCK – 1 Corinthians 10: 3 All of them ate the same spiritual food, and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that Rock was Christ.
- Our Vision verse – 1 John 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. [Apply our the bcc Vision to this Study – we are the Heart of God in our world!]
- What is God's Heart for us to Watch & Pray?
- Jesus Is The Rock and we are to be rocks and stones following after HIM! As HE IS so are we to be HIS Lively Stones!
- This can be easily seen in Jesus changing the Simon's Name to "rock."
- The Chosen – August 6 – Why did Jesus call an unstable person "rock"?

SIMON was his name. So, it was a strange meet-and-greet to be told by Jesus that his new name would be Peter (I'm sorry, what?), especially considering the name Peter means "rock."

Simon Peter was too emotional and impulsive to be worthy of such a name. Why did Jesus call an unstable person "rock"? Pre-Jesus Simon was a rash, brash fisherman who's mouth and choices got him into trouble. Post-Jesus Simon did indeed become Peter: bedrock preacher of the early church, healer of the sick and lame, author of two New Testament books, and fearless unto death. Because Jesus makes us what we're not.

05 Jesus changes us into Living Lively Stones!

Our change into stones...

- Kat Sanders - works at Penn State University - A Stone or Rock is a metaphor for the Truth. There are many examples of this in the Old Testament and also in the new. Jesus is the Stone the builders rejected... He is the chief cornerstone upon which the church is built. He foreknew that Simon would receive revelation of the truth, and so he named him after that Cephas or Stone/Rock. When Jesus asked the disciples "Who do you say I am" it was Peter that exclaimed "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God" and Jesus said that flesh and blood had not revealed that to him but the Father, and on that Rock (Truth) Jesus would build His Church, and the Gates of Hell will not prevail against it.

All believers experience that same thing: The Father reveals the Truth to them, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. All believers experience that same thing: The Father reveals the Truth to them, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one goes to the Father but by Me" - Jesus.

Jesus understood that ROCK represented TRUTH when he said...

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on THE ROCK (the truth) and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on THE ROCK (of truth).

who are we as the Heart of God in our world as kings and priests?

- 1 Peter 2:5-10 '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. Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.'
- Kings - Rules, Leads, Authority, Governs
- Priests- Offer sacrifices, Praise, Prayers, Minister
- We have been given two of the highest callings in the earth from God's Kingdom and as His Heart in our world today during the times in which you are living as stones!
- Exodus 19:6 · Isaiah 61:7 · 1 Peter 2: 5-10 · Revelation 1: 5-6
- Hebrews 5:7 'who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, '
- 2 Chronicles 5: 12-14