

HELP YOU SHINE

★ with Ppl

Relationships,
Closeness, Connection,
Community, Unity on
One Accord, One Mind

vss. 1-4

vss. 5-12

★ in Purpose

Why God Created you,
What would be Most
Fulfilling & Rewarding
to you, Glorifying God

vs. 13

vss. 14-15

Philippians 2:

empty ourself, surrendered
to HIM in Honor as LORD, to
The Glory of God The Father

in life, in love, & in leading as
children of God who SHINE
as Lights in this world

★ in-Christ Jesus

★ as a Person

BOLDNESS

EMBODY

TRAILBLAZING

Welcome to  bcc

A Stone's Throw Away to Pray



Ezekiel 36:25-27 - "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations. '

Luke 24:2 - And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

Tender Responsive heart - Prayer, Praise & Worship

Refreshing
Rest
Renewing
Righteousness
Repentance

- It was originally Derrick Prince who stated, "spend time in worship and then pray..."
- This is exemplified even in Heaven with harp and bowl Revelation chapters 4 and 5.

Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall **SHINE** upon thy ways.-Job22:28

- "LORD JESUS, Teach me to pray, praise, & worship as a king & priest in Your royal priesthood. Teach us to decree a thing in authority & power all the time b/c the stone has been rolled away!

Boldness & Responding to God

Jesus Moved; who is moved,

Pray Lord & laborers of The Harvest

Authority, Power, & our Identity as kings & priests

Part 3 Study Session

Watch & Pray

A Set Standard for Stones and Salvation

A Stone's Throw to Watch and Pray

The Chief CornerStone Is Calling us to Himself

Activate, Cellulate The Word by Responding to God

01 | The WORD Is Alive & Active for everyone everyday!

Matt9: 35 Jesus went about the cities, towns, and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Gospel of The Kingdom, and healing every kind of sickness and diseases among the ppl. 36 But when He saw the multitudes in the crowd, He was Moved with Compassion (Chesed, Mercy) because they were confused, distressed, harassed, helpless, scattered, and weary, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then He Said, "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

- Harvest is Plentiful – sowers, waters, reapers, God Gives The Increase...
- Pray to The LORD of The Harvest – to Send Out laborers into HIS Harvest...

10:1 And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power (exousia) over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. 7 And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. 8 "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead,[fn] cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

- power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases
- physical and mental power
- the power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege)
- the power of rule or government (the power of him whose will and commands must be submitted to by others and obeyed)

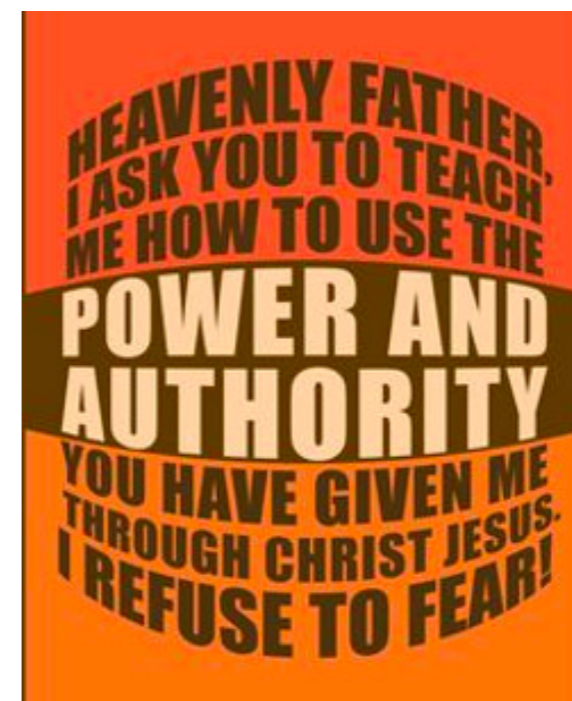
02 The WORD Is Alive & Active for everyone everyday!

Luke 9: 1 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. 2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

- strength power, ability
- Inherent power, residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth
- power for performing miracles
- moral power and excellence of soul

I notice how I was starting to pray...
And b/c of conflicts, situations, & hesitations... I was walking around like I am always doing bad or wrong. Makes you soft, coy, or like unworthy & wimpy. That is not empowering. Makes ppl take on a victim mentality. We are not victims of circumstance. Believers and Followers of Jesus Christ are NO longer slaves of sin & shame, but we are now victorious and victors of Jesus' circumstance!

- More the 1 member got this part of the message!
- Are there any disciples here that want to walk in Jesus's appointed Authority? Praise Him Right Now!





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.' [*we are Now God's kings & priests as Mercy Strategies*]
- we are kings & priests unto The Lord; we are lively stones;
- Kings – Rule, Lead, have Authority, Govern 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 HIS lively stones!
- Exodus 19:6 · Isaiah 61:7 · 1 Peter 2: 5-10 · Revelation 1: 5-6 · Hebrews 13: 15-16
- 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 · 'the singers, · clothed in white linen, · one hundred and twenty priests; · when the trumpeters and singers were as one, · to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord, · and when they lifted up their voice... · instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever," that the house of the Lord , filled with a cloud, priests could not continue ministering b/c the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.'



A Stone's Throw Away to Pray study 3

A Call to Watch and Pray as every1prays

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.
- Look at what opportunity in life Jesus gives us. If we would pray we would not enter temptation or yield.
- Just before this passage vs. 31-35 Peter said, "I will not deny nor stumble." Then missed watch & pray, and in vss. 69-75 Peter denies Jesus three times. John 21 Jesus restores him and prophecies over his future.

Genesis 29: 1-8

This linking of stones and salvation is beautifully prefigured in Genesis 29, where shepherds teach Jacob about timing. Only after “all the flocks are gathered and the stone has been rolled away from the mouth of the well. Then we will water the sheep.” The shepherd Rachel arrives with the sheep, and Jacob himself removes the stone so the sheep can drink.

Time

“the sun is still high; it is not time

Flock

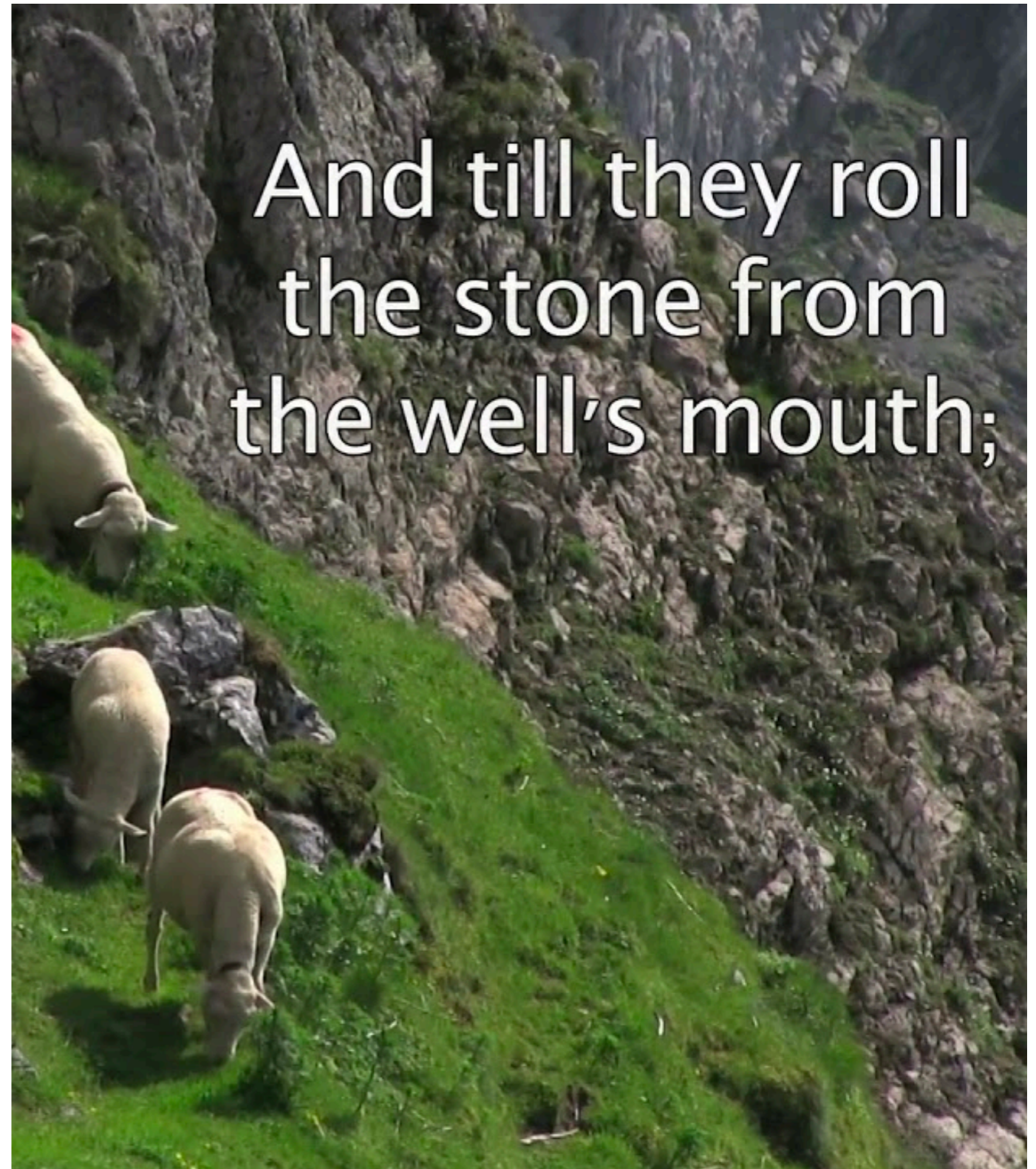
We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together,

Stone

rolled the stone from the well’s mouth

Drink

then we water the sheep.



06 Jesus The Rock, A Stone's Throw Away

What Does It Mean – “A Stone’s Throw Away” to Watch & Pray?

- Stones used to to bury & hold down – 2 Samuel 18:
17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him:
- It’s John 8 again evokes the interplay between stones and timing, where we read that some of the Jews picked up stones to throw at Jesus, vs. 59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.
- We feel the tension building in texts like these, as Jesus The Rock approaches his ultimate time of testing, senses its violent arrival. [Jesus walked through by Identity, Authority as The King and Priest no judgement.



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- It’s no accident, then, this detail that the Gospel of Luke includes, that on the night in which he was betrayed, having entered the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus withdrew from his disciples “about a stone’s throw, and he knelt down and began to pray” (Lk 22:41). In this, we see that Jesus knew his time had come.
- Yet the stone that held Absalom in the pit could not contain Jesus (Mark 16:4).
- Ecc 3: 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- God has made everything appropriate in its time Eccl 3:11 11 He has made everything beautiful and appropriate in its time. He has also planted eternity [a sense of divine purpose] in the human heart [a mysterious longing which nothing under the sun can satisfy, except God]—yet man cannot find out (comprehend, grasp) what God has done (His overall plan) from the beginning to the end.
- He has delivered our souls from death, our feet from stumbling (Ps. 56:13, Jude 1:24). He has turned our heart of stone to flesh, and set eternity within it...
- Rev. 21:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.
- Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. [I heard Pastor Chris say, “the world is full of sin all around us, and though we are not of this world, we walk around in it we may get touched by it.” “The words ‘enter into temptation’ (perasmon) mean to succumb to its evil power (cf. Luke 22:46)
- Luke 22: 41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, [Here is the passionate account of an eyewitness (one of the disciples), who reported this to Luke.

What Does It Mean – “A Stone’s Throw Away” to Watch & Pray?

- Only an eyewitness would remember a detail such as Jesus praying about a stone’s throw away from the disciples. “The usual manner of prayer at that time was to pray in a standing position. That Jesus knelt down could speak of the crushing in Gethsemane.” (Geldenhuys)
- This helps us understand why Jesus used the figure of a cup. Repeatedly in the Old Testament, a cup is a powerful picture of the wrath and judgment of God. The cup didn’t represent death, but judgment. Jesus was unafraid of death, and when He had finished His work on the cross – the work of receiving and bearing and satisfying the righteous judgment of God the Father upon our sin – when He finished that work, He simply yielded Himself to death as His choice.
- (Spurgeon) “I am never afraid of exaggeration, when I speak of what my Lord endured. All hell was distilled into that cup, of which our God and Savior Jesus Christ was made to drink.”
- Nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done: Jesus came to a point of decision in Gethsemane. It wasn’t that He had not decided nor consented before, but now He had come upon a unique point of decision. He drank the cup at Calvary, but the decision once for all to drink that cup came at Gethsemane. **[Major decisions are made in prayer with God]**
- A sinless man battled Satan, sin, self, and temptation in a garden and lost – saying, “My will not Yours, be done” and the loss impacted all humankind. The second Sinless Man battled Satan, sin, self, and temptation in another garden and won – saying, “Not My will, but Yours, be done” – and its impact touches people from every tribe and tongue.

“A Stone’s Throw Away” to Watch & Pray

- Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him: In response to Jesus’ prayers, the Father did not take the cup from Jesus; but He strengthened Jesus by angelic messengers to be able to take – and drink – the cup.
- Being in agony, He prayed more earnestly: In His agony, Jesus prayed more earnestly, to the point where His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. Luke did not say that Jesus’ sweat was blood, but that it was like blood; either in the way that it poured off His brow, or because it was tinged with blood from the burst capillaries and dilated pores on His brow
- A Stone’s Throw Away to Pray – We do not think that we should literally think of a certain measurable distance associated with this expression. It should simply mean **“a relatively short distance”**. In Romanian, we have similar expressions (still in use) such as "a stick's throw", "as you blink the eye", "a horse's run", "as one would say."
All of them refer to a relatively short distance or period of time. But normally, when using such expressions, nobody would think of estimating time or distance by any calibrated means.
- Mark 16:4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, even though it was extremely large.
- When The Stone was rolled away, Jesus’ Resurrection was on Time for everyone who wants to Respond in time for Redemption! From Death to Life is Now a short time of instance! From Garden to Grave, Jesus was Raised for us to be Saved, Healed, Delivered, Forgiven, Freed, Hopeful, and Now is it Time for us to do the same. We are now Agents and Ambassadors of a Royal Priesthood and we must live it Boldly, Authority, Empowered. We do not throw stones but we are Lively Stones with a Living Hope from the Son of The Living God!

Ephesians 3:14–21 TPT

'So I kneel humbly in awe before the Father of our Lord Jesus, the Messiah, the perfect Father of every father and child in heaven and on the earth. And I pray that he would unveil within you the unlimited riches of his glory and favor until supernatural strength floods your innermost being with his divine might and explosive power. Then, by constantly using your faith, the life of Christ will be released deep inside you, and the resting place of his love will become the very source and root of your life. Then you will be empowered to discover what every holy one experiences—the great magnitude of the astonishing love of Christ in all its dimensions. How deeply intimate and far-reaching is his love! How enduring and inclusive it is! Endless love beyond measurement that transcends our understanding—this extravagant love pours into you until you are filled to overflowing with the fullness of God! Then you will be empowered to discover what every holy one experiences—the great magnitude of the astonishing love of Christ in all its dimensions. How deeply intimate and far-reaching is his love! How enduring and inclusive it is! Endless love beyond measurement that transcends our understanding—this extravagant love pours into you until you are filled to overflowing with the fullness of God! Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you. Now we offer up to God all the glorious praise that rises from every church in every generation through Jesus Christ—and all that will yet be manifest through time and eternity. Amen!'

10 It's Time To Pray, Praise, Worship – Stone Is Rolled Away

As Jesus Prayed, we can pray

An Angel was sent to strengthen Him.

In Agony we pray more earnestly.

As it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground- (blood is life of the flesh Lev. 17: 11,14) HIS Life was falling to the ground; our life was being filled up from Heaven. HIS Life was being poured out & EMPTIED, for us to be Filled and made Whole!

Rise Up from Prayer

Rise Up and Pray

Time

Flock

Stone

Drink



Tender Responsive heart – Prayer, Praise & Worship

- spirit of rejection, heart exposed
- Oh come to, the Altar of Prayer, The Father's Arms & Love Open
- I need to walk in my identity of son, daughter, king, priest, authority & power

- Refreshing – Acts 3:19
- Rest – Mt.11:28–30
- Renewing – Is.40: 31
- Righteousness – Jn6:33
- Repentance – Acts20:21