Let me set a scene for

you.



What happens when the cornerstone isn't the right material?

Resilient faith comes from a strong cornerstone.



IF we are going to have resilient faith then our cornerstone must be Jesus.

Let's take a look at a couple people who made their cornerstone Jesus.

Acts 4:7-12

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed,

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10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. 11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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Peter was filled by the Holy Spirit and spoke about his cornerstone.

If Peters cornerstone wasn't Jesus, nothing would have been in place for him to speak in such a way.

With a replaced cornerstone, we are at the mercy of a faulty foundation.

Faulty foundations crumble.



What is your cornerstone made of?

Money Status Knowledge Friends Family **Politics**

None of these cornerstones bring any fruit.

When Jesus is your cornerstone, there is fruit.

Acts 4:13-14

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. 14 But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition.



Boldness comes from a cornerstone built with the right material.

Often we use anything but Jesus as a cornerstone.

Jesus saves us even though we have a faulty cornerstone.

then we sometimes place a ceremonial cornerstone.



If all you have is a ceremonial cornerstone then you are still left with a faulty foundation.

Why is placing just a ceremonial cornerstone attractive?

There are two reasons.



#1: Because then I don't have to tear down all that I BUILT, brick by brick, to replace my cornerstone with Jesus.

Yet if i take a long look, what i have built is crumbling.

#2: Because we don't want to admit we have a faulty foundation.

Either way, we are trying to build on a faulty foundation, all because we are too prideful.

What cornerstone material have you used that you won't replace?

This was the struggle for the sadducees and religious leaders.

We don't want to be "builders". We want to be rebuilders.

A rebuilder is someone who tore up all that they have built to replace it with Jesus.

If you have rebuilt your life on Jesus, you will see others who have done the same.

Let's look at a few rebuilders that gathered together in acts.

23 When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, 25 who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,



" 'Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? 26 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed'—

27 for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. 29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,

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30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

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Once a group of rebuilders are in the room, the Holy Spirit moves in powerful ways.

We aren't rebuilding alone.



We see these people check up with one another.

We can check up with one another too.



If we check in with one another we can truly rebuild alongside each other.

Questions to consider:



If we are to build our lives on Jesus then how does that happen in the day-today?

What are times that your life has crumbled because of a faulty cornerstone? (aka, one that wasn't Jesus)

How do we show the people around us that Jesus is THE cornerstone to build their lives on?

We all have or are building a foundation, is it built on Jesus?

We can be rebuilders.



We just have to let go of what we built.

