

Living Stones

Everything we do has to be done by faith, whether we just come here, or sing or share. *Faith* is the desire to do something. It comes from our Father. Jn 6:65 – “*No one can come to Me unless the Father draws him* [causes a desire].” *Faith* is persuasion – we are persuaded to do something, the things we do daily. We serve by our Father. We learn what His will is (His desire) and we fulfill His desire. He could come down and do it if He wanted to, but He would rather it be done by His Body. That’s His desire and He gives us faith, those who are willing to do His will. He even gives us the faith to believe and to speak from our Father and not ourselves. It’s a miracle to be able to believe the right spirit. I’m thankful we’re here this morning and we know why we’re here. We prayed before we came that His Spirit would be upon us and we’d speak what He has us speak. That’s how we’ll grow into a mighty nation. It won’t grow on its own without stimulation. We have to be stimulated by Him. He makes us grow like a plant. The roots have to *will* to soak up sap and grow down.

Baruch – I’m thankful we can wake up this morning with a desire to do His will. It’s a miracle. It’s not like Christianity that says, “Today I’ll do this or that,” but through the Holy Spirit He puts a desire in us to do His will. He could come and do His will, but His being embodied in us is much more effective, a people that can be persuaded to do what He wants us to do. I want to do His will today.

Those who are raised in Christianity have no concept of the “Body” principle, of works prepared for us since before our birth. He chose us because He knew we would come along and be like Abraham. They have no concept of these works. My dad was a Boy Scout leader and he said to do a good deed every day. That’s what Christians do, too. They do whatever comes along. That’s what the nations do, but it’s not the works prepared for us to do from before the foundations of the earth.

1 Chr 28:9-10 – He is talking to us, to be faithful to build. He didn’t want the big building Solomon built for Him. Verse 10 – “*Consider now, He has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong and do it.*” That’s what He’s saying to us now. He is building the house He wants, one being built out of living stones. He knows the intent of everyone’s heart, whether we are standing here in faith or not. He knows whether we are acting in our own strength, in our flesh. 1 Pet 4:11 – “*Whoever serves, let Him do it by His strength.*” We have to build the temple by His strength. Sampson received our Father’s strength. There’s no way a man could be that strong to push those columns and bring them down!

Yachebed – This morning my husband said, “You know, we have the power of an indestructible life?” I started thinking that the same power that raised Yahshua from the dead is in us to get up out of bed this morning. He snatched us out of the world before it was too late. He put His Spirit in us. He interrupted the course of our lives and put us on His course. That’s amazing! If we yield to His power in us every day it’s going to do something. Our Master had to be prepared to do His will and now we are doing the same. We are prepared every day by believing that He rose from the dead – that indestructible life. The more we hear this we’re going to get it. And the areas of our lives that we don’t have faith in are going to change.

We have the privilege to stand here all of our lives. The Levite priests served for maybe two weeks at a time. The probably said, “I’m going to come and stand here!” For us, it wears out the wicked; they can’t handle it because they’re not stimulated by faith. But we know we’ve been chosen by Him to build His temple.

David Yonah – I was thinking about the word “awesome” and how it should be reserved to describe things by which we are awe-struck. This morning I was thinking about our Master’s life and how it is indestructible; death had no hold on Him. It’s an awesome thing to believe in that. It’s as great a miracle as the fact that He rose from the dead.

People have become so disgusted with Christianity that they can’t even appreciate creation. For me to have turned my life to Him is a miracle. He lifted me up out of my existence. I didn’t know how to be a human being anymore, how to talk to anyone. It’s a miracle how I was, that I could be persuaded to follow the God of heaven.

Sabra – It’s an awesome thing to be chosen to build His temple with everyone else. It’s not like

Plymouth Rock, but we are being built together and the sharp edges are being chipped off. The only way that can be done is for us to live together.

Keli – A temple only has so many stones in it. There are only so many rocks and you have to go by a lot of them and then you see one that you can build on. We have to understand our calling. It's an awesome thing; where we were headed and now where we are going. We're going to represent our Master for all eternity. We come from being those who had no desires, no will. We were degraded. But we grabbed on to something and every day something is being put into us so we can be prepared for our Father. That's an awesome thing.

1 Pet 2:5 – "*Living stones*" – that's what we're doing, offering up a spiritual sacrifice that is acceptable by our Father. Mal 3:3 – Is the heat that will purify us. When we see all that stuff (like obstinacy) burned out of us – an awesome thing will happen. Mal 3:3 – This is talking about us, the people He is finally going to have.