

BE A TEMPLE - 1 PETER 2:1-10

**“YOU ALSO, LIKE LIVING STONES,
*ARE BEING BUILT INTO A SPIRITUAL
HOUSE*”**

BE A TEMPLE: The ongoing spiritual formation of the community of the people of God towards Christlikeness

- a) **The cornerstone: coming to Jesus**
- b) **The temple: encountering God's presence**
- c) **The journey: walking in the light**
- d) **The mission: living sacrificially**
- e) **The table: remembering and anticipating**

**THE CORNERSTONE:
COMING TO JESUS**

1 PETER 2:2-3

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.



CORNERSTONE:

1. To provide solid, foundational strength for the rest of the building.
2. To set true all the angles and alignment for the rest of the building.

DARRELL JOHNSON, Experiencing the Trinity

The central fact is Jesus himself. What are we to make of Jesus? Some who heard him speak picked up rocks to stone him for blasphemy. But others who heard him speak fell in love with him, and fell to their knees to worship him.

**THE TEMPLE:
ENCOUNTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

1 PETER 2:4-5

As you come to Him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to Him—⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood...

1 PETER 2:2

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

EPHESIANS 2:17-22

He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

EPHESIANS 2:17-22

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone.

EPHESIANS 2:17-22

²¹ In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.

**THE JOURNEY:
WALKING IN THE LIGHT**

1 PETER 2:1

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

1 PETER 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

1 JOHN 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

1 JOHN 1:5-7

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER, Life Together

Sin wants to remain unknown. It shuns the light. In the darkness of the unexpressed it poisons the whole being of a person...In confession the light of the Gospel breaks into the darkness and seclusion of the heart. The sin must be brought into the light.

THE MISSION: LIVING SACRIFICIALLY

1 PETER 2:5

you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

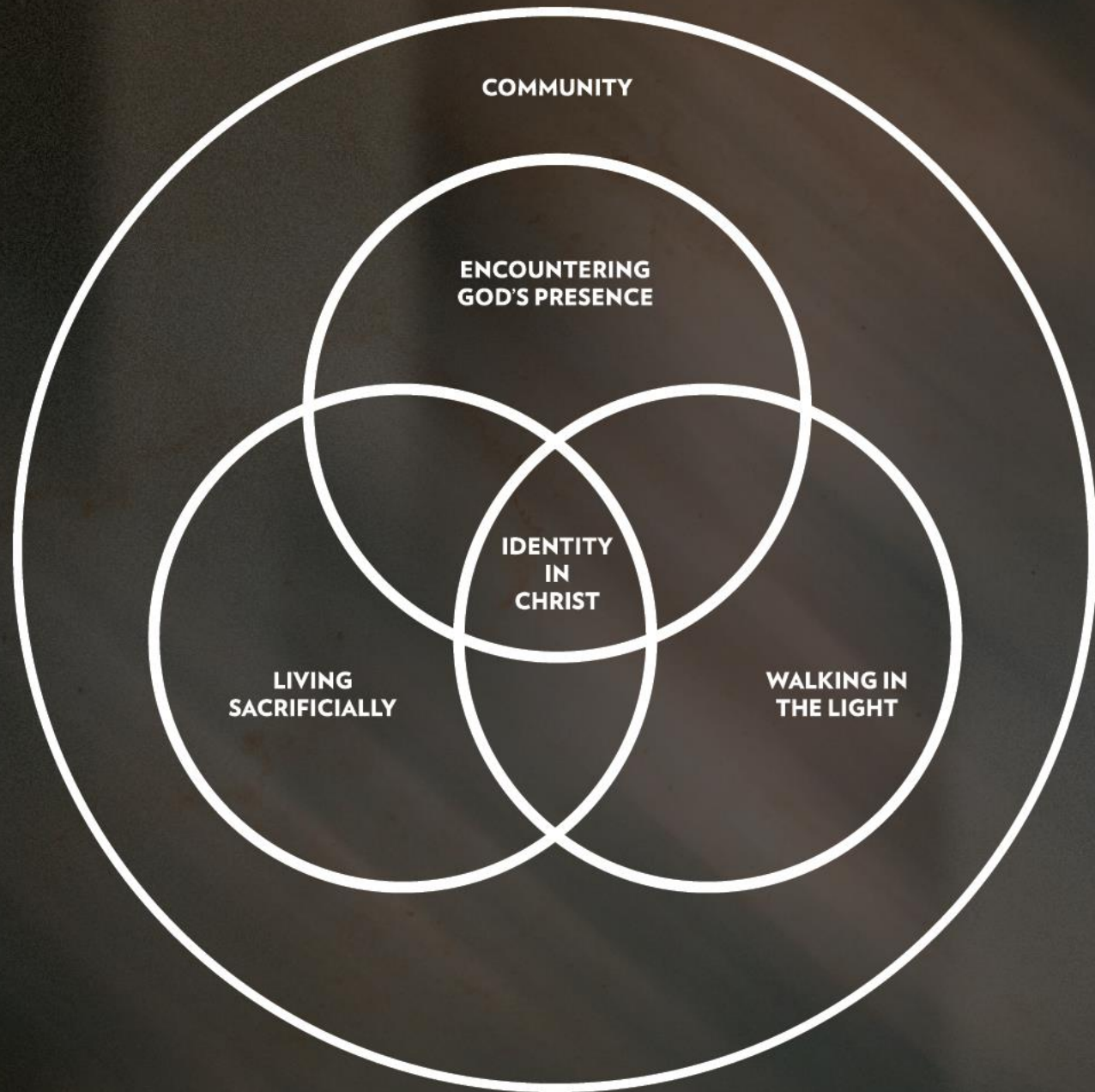
ROMANS 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

HEBREWS 13:15-16

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess His name.¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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ENCOUNTERING
GOD'S PRESENCE

IDENTITY
IN
CHRIST

LIVING
SACRIFICIALLY

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THE LIGHT

**THE TABLE:
REMEMBERING AND ANTICIPATING**

1 PETER 2:10

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

- What invitation is God extending to you today to know His presence in an increasingly intimate way?
- In what areas of your life do you need to step out of darkness and into the light?
- What sacrificial step of faith is God calling you towards today?