



Prayer Journal

DAY 34

"As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ... You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

1 Peter 2:4-5,9

The darkness of the world is undeniable, evident when we review the daily news or when we experience it directly. The darkness can have an unbearable weight when we don't have a safe place – a refuge, a shelter from the storm, a home. While all humans are image and likeness bearers of God, Christians are blessed and called to be so much more.

Christ offered Himself as a holy sacrifice to redeem us and to serve as an example for His disciples. Christ followers are chosen and expected to practice spiritual disciplines and holy sacrifices to God. When we offer daily sacrifices, we honor Christ and provide a shelter for fellow believers and refuge for the world from Satan's oppression. All of our disciplines – prayer, service, worship, meditation, fasting, fellowship, study, evangelism and stewardship – bathed in love reflect the light of Christ and shape us into living stones of the church, the bride of Christ.

PRAYER

Holy Father, Son and Spirit, may you convict our hearts, move our souls and shape our identities in Jesus Christ our Lord. May our holy sacrifices become a daily blessing and sweet aroma to you, Lord. Humble our hearts that our daily disciplines reflect only the glory of Christ and build a kingdom outpost at Southwest as a safe haven from the evil one. Amen.

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