



## Part 3: Stumbling Right

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### Question:

Wouldn't it be nice if life had a huge rewind button?

### 1 Peter 2:4-8

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup> and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

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### Reverse Engineering a Stumble

**1 Peter 2:8b:** They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

You have to acknowledge the stumble

*“I stumbled because I was disobedient”*

*“I knew what I should have done but I chose not to do it”*

*“I rejected God’s prompting and did my own thing”*

**1 Peter 2:8a:** A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.

You have to acknowledge the stumbling power of Jesus

**1 Peter 2:7b:** But to those who do not believe “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

You have to re-establish the cornerstone

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**1 Peter 2:6-7:** For in Scripture it says “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame. <sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious.

You have to see the Stone as God views it, not as you view it

**1 Peter 2:4-5:** As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—<sup>5</sup> 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.

You have to come to the living Stone so that you can take your rightful place as a priest in God’s Kingdom and not a failure of epic proportions

### Next Steps

Because we all stumble, CTK offers a number of recovery classes and groups. Read more about these current opportunities in CTK Life.

**Grieving the Losses In Life:** *Learn how to fully grieve any loss in life*

**Boundaries:** *Learn how to establish healthy boundaries in any relationship*

**12 Steps:** *Break free from habits, hurts and hangups that are keeping you stuck*

**Changes:** *Open, drop-in 12 Step group for support and encouragement*

**Compass:** *Helping kids navigate the ups and downs of life*

**Stand Firm for Men:** *Learn how to break the grip of addictive behaviors*

**Friday Night Light:** *Weekly accountability and encouragement group for men*

**Whatcom Dream:** *Create a spending plan based on your true core values*

**Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace:** *Live within your means and experience financial freedom*

### Small Group Questions



- 1) How did the snow affect your life last week? Did you have any stumble moments with all the snow and ice?
- 2) Are there any moments of your life when you wish you had a rewind button? What would you do different in that moment if you could try it again?
- 3) If you have chosen Jesus as your cornerstone, how did your life change when you did?
- 4) Read 1 Peter 2:4-5. What is God trying to tell you through these verses?
- 5) Jesus trips you up so that he can place you on a firm foundation — agree or disagree?
- 6) How can we pray for you today?