

Better Together



# I. What Is The Power Of Relationships?

- Relationships provide companionship for the lonely.
- Relationships give support to the exhausted.
- Relationships offer a fresh start for the unsuccessful.



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- Relationships uncover new opportunities for the discouraged.
- Relationships provide encouragement to the inexperienced.



## II. What Changes A Pile Of Rocks Into A Holy House?

- The rocks must be cleaned and shaped.

### **1 Peter 2:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. <sup>2</sup>Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup>now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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### 1 Peter 2:4-8

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men 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

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who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

"The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,"<sup>8</sup> and,

"A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

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- The rocks must be identified and used.

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- Be slow to react and quick to listen.
- Be slow to condemn and quick to forgive.
- Be slow to boast and quick to compliment.



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- Be slow to demand and quick to give.
- Be slow to criticize and quick to encourage.
- Be slow to give up and quick to give hope.



