

January 29, 2024 Meditation

Value of a Rock

Do you collect anything? Some people enjoy collecting rocks. They search high and low for the prettiest or most unique rocks. Some must be polished to show their beauty. Others already show their grandeur without any need for refinement.

We see various rocks throughout the Bible. Rocks are used in many ways. You have the young shepherd, David, who takes down the Philistine giant using a smooth river rock and a sling shot (1 Samuel 17:49). Other uses of rocks can be seen when the crowd wants to stone the woman caught in adultery (John 8:3–11). Or there is the Pharisees' feeble attempt to keep Jesus body in the tomb by placing a large rock and guards in front of the opening (Matthew 27:62–66).

Jesus talks about rocks in the soil and foundations set on rocks. Rocks can do many things in the hands of individuals. There are some rocks human hands cannot even begin to move. *He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken* (Psalm 62:2).

When you build a home, you want a solid foundation. You want it to be firm and unmoving. In places where the ground could potentially move due to earthquakes, structural engineers time testing and planning the buildings so they will survive the movement.

When the world continues to move around us, we can be assured God will never change. He is our firm foundation. He is the founder of our faith, our cornerstone, our basis in all of life, and our hope. With our faith firmly built on Jesus, our Rock, we, too, will be unmoving to the waves and rain of this world.

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