



Cornerstone Prison Church

As you come to him, the living Stone - rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him - 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. 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."

1 Peter 2:4-6

November 2022

EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

Stand firm, Live out Love

The last few months we have invited our individual partners and church partners to pray for the challenges we have been facing. Ongoing staffing shortages at the prison have left very few options but to weather the storms we find ourselves in, we have had multiple worship services cancelled due to the schedule for the day not allowing the men to make it to the chapel. We also, have had to modify most gatherings on the fly as services that are not cancelled rarely start on time. These realities have had a wearing effect on those most involved, but are only a portion of the weary reality the men live with throughout the entirety of their days.

Even so, God spoke powerfully into the situation we have been going through this last month. Schedule changes had resulted in our sermon series being off pace such that we reflected on the note of God's mercy and compassion in the book of Lamentations right in the middle of a time when lament was a fitting point. The very next week we had a guest come in to share their testimony of experiencing God's grace lately. The reason this was requested was that the prayer team of Cornerstone had been praying for the individual earlier this year and God had worked so powerfully that they wanted to come in and share. Their story was one of tragic loss and significant struggle, but filled with moments where God worked through the church, through unknown individuals, and through the reminders that an incarcerated prayer team was standing in as prayer warriors. I had the privilege to be on the sideline at the front and watch as about a hundred men hung onto every word hearing that struggle is real, people on the outside have some of the same struggles as them, but that prayer works, God can bless richly right in the struggle, and that the compassion and mercy we had just
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reflected on truly does show up right in the middle of lamentable situations.

At the end of First Corinthians, Paul wrote to the church in Corinth: Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love. The famous chapter on love would have been ringing in the ears of the original readers as they came across these lines. The great work of love enables believers to stand firm. Because of God's Love for us we can look for his compassion in all situations. In God's immense mercy, he even works through us to share his love with others. As we stand firm in the faith, living a life of love, God may use us to impact the life of someone we haven't even met as we uphold their story in our prayers or he may use us to bless richly the people struggling right around us as we live in a way that gives thanks for the quiet strength that is ours as we abide in him.

Pastor Scott

Thanksgiving Season Giving

As we come to the Thanksgiving season, we are grateful to all who have supported us financially in the past and we ask you to prayerfully consider a donation at this Thanksgiving time. Your check can be mailed to our treasurer at the address below or you can give online at our website under the support tab. We are a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, which allows your donation to be tax deductible.

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Cornerstone Prison Church, c/o David Vande Kamp, Treasurer,
801 S. Gordon Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57110.

Cornerstone Prison Church meets every Friday evening for worship.
Please consider joining us in 2023. We have room for you!

Contact Jean to schedule a date that works for you.
We need to have at least 3 weeks notice to get the paperwork
completed;
then come and be blessed.

Our email address: office@cornerstonepcsd.org

**We can come to you... Pastor Scott is willing to provide Pulpit Supply and a
Cornerstone Prison Church update on a Sunday morning or evening.**

(please email Scott directly)