



THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD
Living Faith Chapel, Calgary

Bible Study

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Theme: Roll Away the Stone

Topic: Stone in the life of an individual, family, church

Text: Matthew 13:1-6

Introduction

We continue to look at our theme of **“Roll Away the Stone”**. We will like to look at this theme from the perspective of a farmer. From our text, it is obvious that nothing can germinate in a stony environment. God commands His children to be fruitful and multiply. Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us the parable of the sower. Since the bible has made us to understand that we are to be fruitful, there could be a number of reasons why we are not bearing fruit. Stone can be anything that causes dissatisfaction. Stone is anything that prevents the glory of God being manifested in the life of a Christian. So what does stone represent in the life of a Christian, family and church?

1. What does stone represent in an individual, family or church?

- Disobedience – Abraham was disobedient. **Gen. 15:4; Gen 16:2**
- Sickness – Man by the pool of Bethesda – **John 5:1-15; Man sick with palsy Mark. 2:1-4**
- Death – Lazarus **John 11:32 – 44**
- Famine - Isaac **Gen 26:1**
- Stagnation, lack of progress. Lack of growth. Lack of increase. **Gen. 1:28**

2. Who should be responsible for rolling away the stone?

To have a good grasp of this, we need to understand some things. You need to acknowledge you have a stone. You need to admit to yourself there is stone. Lazarus had a problem. His sister cried out on her behalf. She sought the Lord for help. Abraham had a stone in his life, he cried out to the Lord. Hannah cried out. Man by the pool of Bethesda cried out.

- People cried out about bad water in the city to Elisha - **2 Kings 2:19**
- You cannot remove stones by yourself. Some stones are just too hard to crack. **1 Sam2:9**. For by strength shall no man prevail. **2 Chronicles 20:20**
- Only the Lord has the power to roll away the stone. **Matt. 28:18**, Shunamite woman **2Kings 4:8-37**

3. How can the stone be rolled away?

- Be intimate with the Lord. Walk closely with the Lord. God reveals His secrets to His children. **1 Kings 18:1; Daniel 2:16-19**.
- Ask the Lord to roll the stone way. Ask and you shall receive. **Matt. 7:7**
- Seek counsel. In the multitude of counselors, there is safety. **Prov. 11:14**
- Be determined to seek the Lord and in your Christian race. **Joshua 24:15**
- Be teachable. **2 Tim. 3:16-17**
- Have patience and wait for the Lord. There is a time for the stone to be rolled away. Lazarus, Abraham, Hannah, Man by the pool of Bethesda **Eccl. 3:1**

Prayer

Lord pls roll everything that represents a stone in my life, family and your church now to your glory in Jesus name.