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GOD'S ROYAL FAMILY

**HIS ROYAL RESIDENCE . . .**

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## **1 PETER 2:4**

***4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—***

## **1 PETER 2:5**

***<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.***

## EPHESIANS 2:6

*<sup>6</sup> And in him [Jesus] you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

- **Note to self:** Beware of becoming too cynical about Jesus' church

## **1 PETER 2:6**

*22 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.”*

**HIS ROYAL RESIDENCE . . .**

**OUR ROYAL STATUS . . .**

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## 1 PETER 2:9a

<sup>9</sup> *But you are **a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession...***



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**“The most challenging lie to correct is one embedded into our identity. We build mental models of the world and how we see ourselves. We do this to make sense of life and unfolding situations. This makes it difficult to reject the lie and believe the new truth.**

**RICK MCDANIEL**

**“When we accept Christ into our life, we believe God’s truth about us. We are now forgiven, loved, healed, whole. This is our new identity. But we can still believe the lies about us instead of the truth. The bad stuff can be too easily remembered.”**

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- *The lie: “I’m unloveable”*



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***<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,  
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# Why?

## **1 PETER 2:9b**

***9...that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.***

## **1 PETER 2:10**

***<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.***

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