

JULY 30, 2023

# LIVING STONES

## LIVING STONES HAVE NAMES

### 1 PETER 5:12-14

1) God knows our name.

Romans 8:14–15 ... *"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!""*

2) God sees us when we are invisible to everyone else.

Matthew 6:3–4 ... *"But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."*

3) God gives us peace in Christ.

John 3:17–18 ... *"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."*

## Questions For Lunch

- 1) In what ways is it beautiful that God knows our names? In what ways is it fearful?
- 2) What was a time I grew bitter or jaded about work that was unappreciated, forgotten, or ignored?

What encouragement does God offer for the times when I seem invisible to everyone else?

## Memory Verse for June-July

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."

**Ephesians 6:12–13**

## From the Resources

“When we step back and look at Peter’s letter as a whole, we see these final themes of love, unity, peace, faith grace, and hope running throughout the letter. He has certainly taken us on a sobering-but encouraging-journey. We first visited the theme of the *living hope* in 1 Peter 1:1-2:12 ... Peter then explored the ups and downs of our *strange life* as aliens living in a world that is not our ultimate home (2:13-4:11) ... Finally, Peter leads us home through our *fiery ordeal* to land safely in the arms of the Savior for whom we are called to suffer and serve (4:12-5:14)

- Charles Swindoll *Living Insights Commentary* (pg. 277)