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Rock-Paper-Scissors is a game of chance.

Some people approach life this way. They neither consider their foundation or the strategy with which they will build on it. The scripture tells us that a wise man builds his house upon the **Rock**.

Matt 7:24-27

*Can you speak of a time where you have asked questions like: Where did we come from? Why are we here? Who am I? What's my purpose?*

One name of Jesus is the **Rock**. (cornerstone, capstone, foundation)

1 Cor 10 /

1 Peter 2:1-12

*Consider your life: your habits, your lifestyle, the way you think.*

*How are you living differently now that Jesus is the foundation in your life? What's changed?*

*Can you describe what lives that are built on sand look like?*

*Why is sand a great metaphor for a Jesus-less lifestyle?*

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Heb 11:25

As Christians, we can still feel enticed by worldly, sinful pleasures even when we know they are like building on sand [*drugs | promiscuity | possessions | money | popularity | fame | power*]. Their pleasure is fleeting.

*What practical steps are you taking to:*

**#1.** *deny these enticements?*

**#2.** *strengthen your focus on building your life upon Jesus the **Rock**?*

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Jn 16:33

Jesus promised us storms and warned us of troubles.

*Can you recall a specific time where the winds and storms of life blew against your life? How did you respond? What did you learn?*

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Ex 17:1-7

Num 20

On two different occasions in scripture we read about a fascinating miracle where the people of Israel experience water pouring forth from a rock. Jesus' identification with *rock* is based on the strength properties it holds for building foundations. However, the similarities end there as He demonstrates His supernatural ability to be our **Rock** at the same time being a source of living water. He is alive!

*Can you describe what interacting and communicating looks like in your relationship with the living Jesus?*

Salvation is both a moment and a journey in which God refines us into the image of Jesus. This requires a stripping away of wrong mindsets + habits.

Rom 12:1-2

Consider the story of the homeless shelter and the *stripping away* that happened. Maybe you've experienced something similar.

*What is Jesus stripping away in your life right now?*

*How are you being refined? Describe.*

*Are you able to identify the fruit of that refining?*

Many of Jesus' teachings can be difficult, challenging and even controversial to our unrenewed minds.

Matt 6:24-28

Lu 14:25-33

John 6

This can create a *pick + choose* mentality.

*What pieces of the gospel have you struggled to accept or receive?*

*How have you been able to work through that?*

**End of session.**

**Next: *Ruler***