

The Message Notes

Message Cornerstone Man

Father's Day (June 20, 2021)



Text:

Ephesians 2:20. Together, we are **his house, built** on the **foundation** of the apostles and the prophets. And the **cornerstone** is Christ Jesus himself. (NLT)

Talk:

PT1. What is a **cornerstone**?

A **cornerstone** is the **first** stone laid in the structure of a building – the **principal** stone. The cornerstone becomes the **reference** point for all other stones laid to ensure the structure remains correctly **aligned**, so it **conforms** to the **original intent** of the **designer**

- The entire structure **rests** its weight on the cornerstone for stability

“If the **cornerstone** would be removed from the structure, the building would eventually become **unstable** and **collapse**.”

- **Jesus Christ** is the **cornerstone** of the church.

Ephesians 2:20b. And the **cornerstone** is Christ Jesus himself.

God made Jesus our reference point to ensure we remain correctly aligned with His design to conform our lives into the image of Christ. We rest the **weight** of our lives on Him.” References: Romans 8:29, Matthew 11:28

PT 2. Universal law of Manhood: God made the **male** of the man species to be the **cornerstone** of His creation; it has nothing to do with a **social construct**. References: Genesis 1:27, 1 Corinthians 11:3, 8, Joshua 24:15

PT3. The Cornerstone Man (CM) -- Genesis 2:7, 15-24

1. **World** – **CM** lives in the **presence** of God - Genesis 2:15a.

CM lives in the designated **spot** God has called him; it is the **open door** that **aligns** him with being in the **delightful** presence of God. God is his reference point to prepare for his wife and build a family that becomes a tribe.”

“**Cornerstone Man** does not live in a **bachelor** pad but makes a **sanctuary** for God’s presence.” PK

2. **Works** – **CM cultivates** and **covers** - Genesis 2:15b.

- **Cultivate** – **CM** walks in the **call** of a godly man (reflects, role, replenish and reign), while he pursues his **career**, (education, skills, talents, etc.), so he can build the **capital** (provision and prosperity) to maintain a household in his world.
 - **Cover** – **CM** protects his environment from the entree of anything that is **contrary** to his **call** to be a godly man (character) and his **career** in the world.
3. **Word** – **CM** lives within the **boundaries** of God’s Word - Genesis 2:16-17
- **CM** lives by God’s morality found in His Word.
 - **CM** references God’s Word for his worldview
 - **CM** follows the outline of the responsibilities of a male as a husband, and father in God’s Word
4. **Woman** – **CM meets a woman** – Genesis 2-18, 22-23 12:3
- Alone – “all in one”
 - Seed – “One body carries – every-body”
 - Woman – “womb-man – helper”
 - Recognizes his woman
 - Labels the woman
5. **Wed** – **CM** takes a wife – Genesis 2:24
- **Leaves** (intact family)
 - **Links** (joined to his wife)
 - **Lives** (united into one)

Cornerstone Man: reference point: alignment and stability

- **Husband** – house-bound
- **Father/Abba**– seed-source-sustainer/nourisher
- **Grandfather** – patriarch/tribe/blesser

Application

1. Name three ways Christ is the cornerstone of your life
2. Name three ways you’re a cornerstone man
3. Name three ways you use Christ as your point of reference

Takeaway:

Cornerstone Man reference point is Christ’s salvation and teachings, so he can **align** himself to **conform** his image to God’s **original** intent in Christ. **Christ** is the **weight** bearer and **stability** he rests his life on.

Cornerstone Man aligns his world, his works, and words according to the teachings of Christ, in preparation for the **woman** he will **wed** and the tribe he will build for generational blessings.