**THE ROCK #4**

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**STUMBLING BLOCK**

Call Study – Jason Park

*“You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God,*

*but merely human concerns.”* **Matt. 16:23**

**21**From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. **22**Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” **23**Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” **24**Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **25**For whoever wants to save their life[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+16%3A21-25&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23698a)] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. **Matt. 16:21-25**

**PETER** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_…….Again

**HOW DO WE LOSE FOCUS?**

**WE CONFUSE** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **PLAN WITH** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

“you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” v. 23

**10**Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, **11**trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. **1 Pet. 1:10-11**

Discuss a difficult time when you had a plan, but God’s plan was different.

**WE REACT WITH** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **AND NOT** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. v. 22

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. **2 Tim. 1:7**

**12**Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. **13**But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. **1 Pet. 4:12-13**

Talk about what is happening when your feelings are getting the best of you.

**WHEN MY** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **ECLIPSES GOD’S** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

“Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” **v. 22**

**5**For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; **6**and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; **7**and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. **8**For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9**But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. **2 Pet. 1:5-9**

What is something you are worrying about right now?

**STAY IN FOCUS**

**BE** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**8**Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.**9**Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. **1 Pet. 5:8-9**

Are there times when you are less alert? What is going on during those times?

**RELY ON** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**16**For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

**2 Pet. 1:16**

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**17**Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. **18**But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. **2 Pet. 3:17-18**.

Describe how you are growing in God’s word.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Do you have any other observations?

How can we pray for you?

**CHRONOLOGICAL READING PLAN FOR AUGUST**

214. 2 Kings 20-21 215. 2 Chronicles 32-33 216. Nahum 217. 2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35 218. Zephaniah  
219. Jeremiah 1-3 220. Jeremiah 4-6 221. Jeremiah 7-9 222. Jeremiah 10-13 223. Jeremiah 14-17 224. Jeremiah 18-22  
225. Jeremiah 23-25 226. Jeremiah 26-29 227. Jeremiah 30-31 228. Jeremiah 32-34 229. Jeremiah 35-37  
230. Jeremiah 38-40; Psalms 74, 79 231. 2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36 232. Habakkuk 233. Jeremiah 41-45 234. Jeremiah 46-48235. Jeremiah 49-50 236. Jeremiah 51-52 237. Lamentations 1-2 238. Lamentations 3-5

239. Ezekiel 1-4 240. Ezekiel 5-8 241. Ezekiel 9-12 242. Ezekiel 13-15 243. Ezekiel 16-17 244. Ezekiel 18-20

245. Ezekiel 21-22