

## Sermon Guide September 7: Psalm 118

What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?

Have you ever ignored a clear warning or piece of advice? What happened as a result?

## **Key Takeaway:**

- 1. God often uses difficult circumstances to accomplish His purposes.
- 2. The rejected stone becomes the cornerstone both in David's story and Jesus' story.
- 3. God's faithful love endures forever, carrying us through rejection and hardship.
- 4. We need to pause and recognize what God has done, even in the midst of challenges.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Were you at Uniontown for outdoor service during COVID? Have you ever experienced a situation where something seemed to go wrong, but God used it for good? Share your experience.
- 2. Psalm 118 was "born in the valley, not on the mountaintop." How does this perspective change the way you view difficulties in your own life?
- 3. Discuss the concept of the "rejected stone becoming the cornerstone." How have you seen this play out in your life or in the lives of others?
- 4. At times we can walk around like spiritual amnesiacs. What are some ways we can actively remember and celebrate what God has done in our lives and in our church?
- 5. How does the resurrection of Jesus provide hope for our current circumstances, not just for eternity?

6. Psalm 118 emphasizes God's faithful love. How have you experienced God's faithfulness in your own life, especially during challenging times?

## **Practical Applications:**

- 1. Gratitude Journal: Start a daily practice of writing down one way you've seen God work in your life, even in small ways.
- 2. Sharing Testimonies: In the coming week, share with at least one person a story of how God has worked in your life, especially through a difficult situation.
- 3. Scripture Meditation: Spend time meditating on Psalm 118:22-24 this week. Reflect on how God has turned your "rejected stones" into "cornerstones."
- 4. Church History: Learn more about your church's history and how God has been faithful over the years. Consider how you can contribute to that ongoing story.
- 5. Encouraging others: Reach out to someone who might be feeling rejected or discouraged. Share the hope of God's faithful love with them.
- 6. Prayer: Thank God for His faithful love and ask for His help to remember and celebrate what He has done, even in the midst of challenges.