

“Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling” *We are the Building Blocks of Home* (2:19-22)

You’re no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You’re no longer strangers or outsiders. You *belong* here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He’s using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he’s using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home. (Ephesians 2:19-22; *The Message*)

A Profound Metaphor with Many Layers

1. Each of Us Has an Essential Place

...The whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love (Ephesians 4:16; NASB).

<p>“held together” “every joint supplies” “proper working of each individual part” “causes growth...building up”</p>	}	<p><i>My hobby/love of refurbishing</i></p>
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2. Each of Us is Formed, Shaped, Refined, and Polished Through Each Other

I’ve heard so many people say over the years –

“Church? Why would I go there?! It’s just a bunch of posers, hypocrites who say one thing and do another...”

- But that’s the very reason I do go, why I need to be here...because that’s what I struggle with every day of my life!

“Fitted”

- *The Ancient world, the temples, buildings – you can’t even tell where the seams are...they’re so flawlessly fitted together...that didn’t just happen!*

3. God is Rebuilding Home

“God is building a home...you belong here...you’re a brick, you’re a stone...and it’s taking shape...” the home that Sin robbed us of, God is rebuilding through Jesus and us.