

## What happened yesterday?

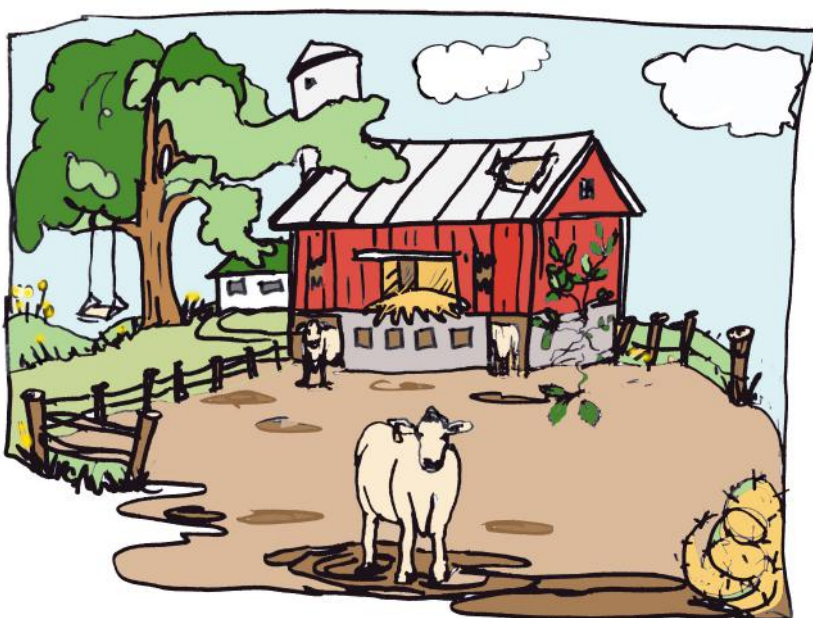
What we say tells what we think is important

What is most important to say in the world today?

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**Declaring  
God's Praises**  
**1 Peter 2:4-10**  
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## 1 Peter 1:1-2

To God's elect, exiles scattered...  
Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

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## 1 Peter 2:4-10

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone—  
rejected by humans  
but chosen by God and precious to him—  
<sup>5</sup> you also like living stones, are being built into  
a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood,  
offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God  
through Jesus Christ.

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<sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

"The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,"

<sup>8</sup> and,

"A stone that causes people to stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the message—  
which is also what they were destined for.

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<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may  
declare the praises of him who called you  
out of darkness  
into his wonderful light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people,  
but now you are the people of God;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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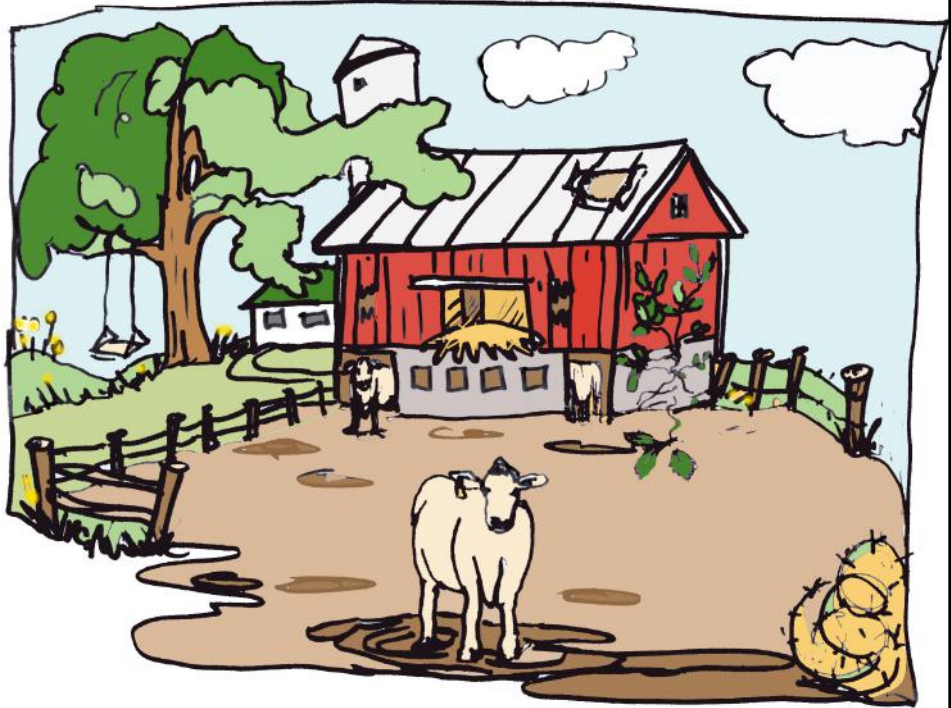
no matter what happens in this lifetime

oblivion = forgotten, scattered like dust

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What are true things about this scene?

- What might an optimist highlight?
- What might a pessimist highlight?



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## What do we highlight about the world?

- Optimists
- Pessimists



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## “That you may declare the praises of him who called you”

- Creator
- Redeemer
- Coming King

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## Application

### Come to Jesus

- "No one who trusts in him will ever be put to shame."
- Everyone who trusts in Him  
will forever be overjoyed that they did!
- **Once:** Accept by faith the forgiveness  
and mercy that Jesus died to give
- **Always:** Keep turning more fully to Him

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## Application

### Rejoice in God's grace to save and love

- In Jesus, God gives the love we don't deserve

**Darkness → Marvelous light**

**Not a people → God's own people**

**Not received mercy → Received mercy**

- Rejoice in the Lord always!

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## Application

### Make known God's grace

- "the fruit of lips that openly profess his name"
  - Words, actions, creations, productivity
- The sum of our expression
  - = our core convictions about the world (*Schaeffer*)
- Our vision: "The peoples of all nations being transformed by Christ together  
**to the glory of God"**

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The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Luke 8:38-39

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"A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."

Luke 6:35

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