Living Strong -week 3

Living Loud

1 Peter 2:4 – 12

*When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.****Acts 4:13-14***

**Living loud…**

1. Through a new relationship.

*As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him-- 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." Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,* ***1 Peter 2:4 & 6-7***

1. In a new place.

*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.* ***1 Peter 2:5***

1. With a new assignment.

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light…  Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.* ***1 Peter 2:11-12***

1. With new identity.

*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.* ***1 Peter 2:10***

*You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.* ***Matthew 5:14-16***