**THE DIFFERENCE-MAKING DIFFERENCE**

Living Boldly in Tough Times - Part 3

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**1 Peter 2:2 (NIV) – Memory Verse**  
Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation

**1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)**   
But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

**HOW TO EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE-MAKING DIFFERENCE**

1. **Get Into The Word**

**1 Peter 1:24-25 (NLT2)**   
As the Scriptures say, “People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. But the word of the Lord remains forever.” And that word is the Good News that was preached to you.

**1 Peter 2:2 (NIV)**   
Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

**Psalm 119:11 (NIV)**   
I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

**1 Peter 2:8 (NIV)**   
and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for.

2. **Stay Connected To Christ**

* **Living Stones**

**1 Peter 2:4-5 (NIV)**   
As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him--   
 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.

**Matthew 16:18 (NIV)**   
And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

* **Holy Priesthood**

**1 Peter 2:5 (NIV)**   
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 2:9 (NIV)**   
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.

3. **Be A Stranger To Danger**

**1 Peter 2:11 (NLT2)**   
Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.

**1 Peter 2:12 (NIV)**   
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.