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"We don't usually see 80 percent of people telling us that a particular stressor is stressful for that many individuals," Lynn Bufka, APA

COVID HAS LED TO STRAINED RELATIONSHIPS FOR MANY

% REPORTING

58% report experiencing a relationship strain or end as a result of the following conflicts related to the COVID-19 pandemic:



Canceling events or gatherings due to COVID-19 concerns

29%

Difference of opinion over some aspect of vaccines (e.g., their efficacy, whether or not to get them)

25%

Different views of the pandemic overall

25%

Difference of opinion over mask-wearing

24%

Differences in opinion of the health risks of getting COVID-19

22%

Difference of opinion over what to do when exposed to COVID-19

17%

But **40%** said they have connected or formed relationships with people they would not have if it weren't for the COVID-19 pandemic







ALIEN

Living in a Chaotic World

1 PETER

Our Identity: Spirit-Filled Children of God (1:1-2)

1. Chosen by the Father
2. Empowered by the Spirit
3. Obedient to the Lord Jesus



“Crave Pure
Spiritual
Milk,”
Evangeline
Leamon





Jesus the Living Stone

“Come to Him”

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16





“We are like living stones,
being built into a spiritual house.”

2 Peter

The Church is Foundational

“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”

Ephesians 2:19-22

The Church is Foundational

“If I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.”

1 Timothy 3:15



The Church is Foundational

“There is nothing like the church when it’s working right. The church is the hope of the world.”

Bill Hybels, Former Pastor, Willow Creek Church



Taste and see that the Lord is good



A Taste of

Life Groups

Spiritual Sacrifices

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

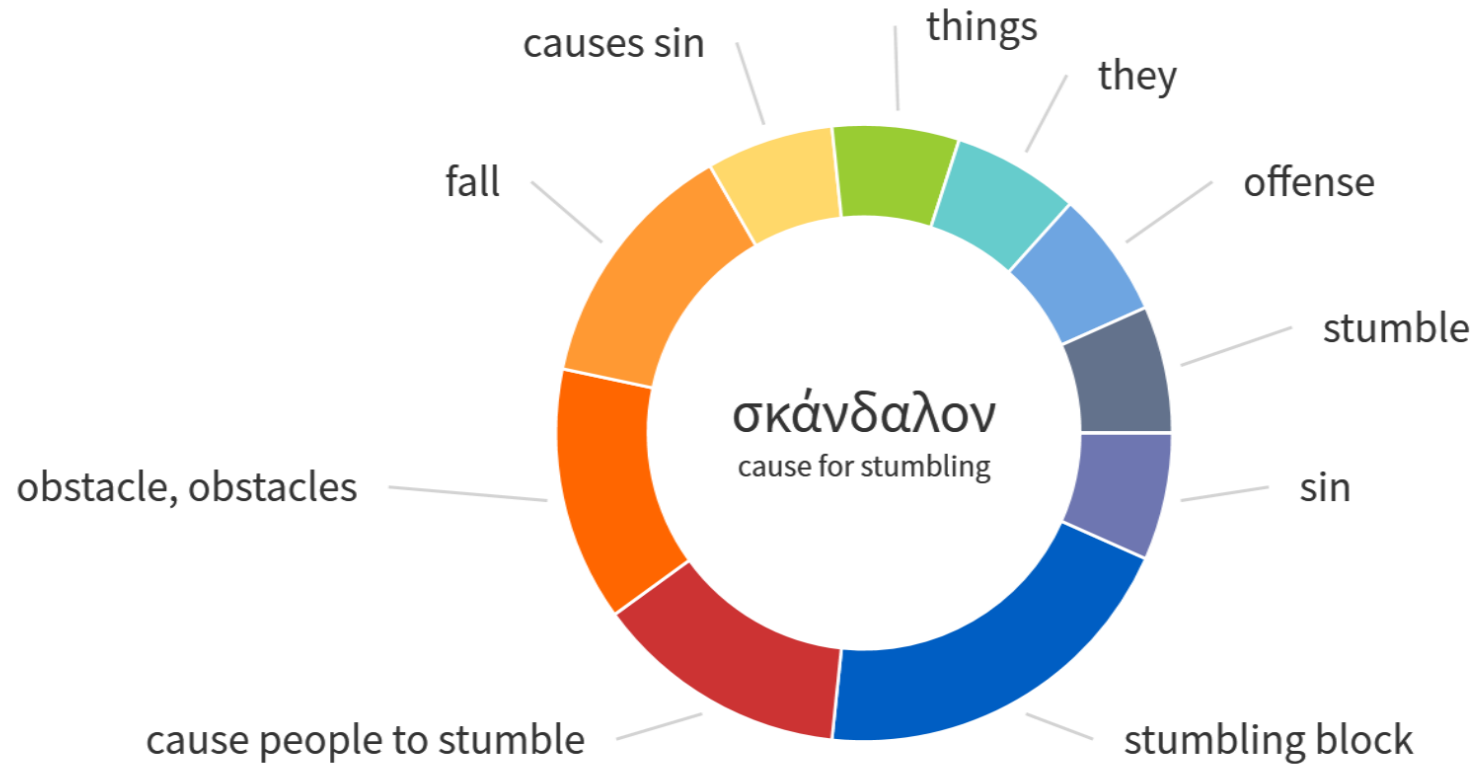
Hebrews 13:15-16





Jesus, The Cornerstone

“Skandalon”



The Mystery of God's Eternal Purposes

“It must be recognized that though human disobedience is within God's plan, it does not become less blameworthy. It is important to recognize also that human disobedience is not necessarily final or irretrievable. Paul says, ‘God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.’ (Rom. 11:32)”

Edwin Blum, “The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Volume 12”





A Chosen People

- Find relief by staying deep in God's Word.
- Find relief by trusting in God.
- Find relief by active involvement in Christian community.
- Find relief by remembering your eternal purpose: proclaiming Jesus.



Christ Our Cornerstone

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 3:11

