We are living stones

1 Peter 2:45 NKJV Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

He is the cornerstone – our Rock.
Each one is individually loved, called, gifted and equipped to form part of something bigger than ourselves.

We are called to be living stones

In a house of heart-felt worship.
In a house of passionate prayer for all nations.
In a house of Christ-centred mercy.
In a house of extravagant giving.

3. A house of mercy

Matthew 9:9-10 “9 As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow me.” So he arose and followed Him. 10 Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house that beheld, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” 12 When Jesus heard that, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.” 13 But go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Hebrews 4:15-16 ESV For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the house of mercy, both sinners and saints meet at the foot of the cross.
Is mercy in our hearts and on our lips and manifesting through our lives?