



# Sticks and Stones jaco van rooyen

**“A CHURCH IS AN INCUBATOR, A NURSERY, A GRADE SCHOOL. YOU START WHERE PEOPLE ARE AND MOVE THEM TO WHERE THEY NEED TO BE.”**

**ADRIAN ROGERS**

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**IF BEING HURT BY THE  
CHURCH CAUSES YOU TO  
LOSE FAITH IN GOD, THEN  
YOUR FAITH WAS IN PEOPLE,**

**NOT GOD.**

**Psalm 118:8**





A CHURCH IS NOT A  
**MUSEUM**  
FOR GOOD PEOPLE

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IT'S A  
**HOSPITAL**  
FOR THE BROKEN



**A CHURCH WITHOUT  
THE BROKEN IS A  
BROKEN CHURCH**

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WHAT IF WE  
FOCUSED ON  
GOING TO JESUS  
INSTEAD OF GOING  
TO 'CHURCH'?

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**GOING TO CHURCH  
DOESN'T MAKE YOU A  
CHRISTIAN ANY MORE THAN  
STANDING IN A GARAGE  
MAKES YOU A CAR.**

**BILLY SUNDAY**

EPH 4:1-4 (NLT)

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. <sup>2</sup> Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.



EPH 4:1-4 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. <sup>4</sup> For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

# 1. My position in Christ gives me meaning.

*What did God ask you to finish while you are here on earth ?*

A photograph of a subway platform with a train. The platform has white tiled walls and a yellow safety line. A large, semi-transparent yellow circle is overlaid on the image, centered on the train. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

2. My place amongst others gives me a sense of belonging.

*True unity cannot be reached apart from “availability” and “proximity”.*



### 3. Our partnering with God gives us hope

*God can use the stick to plant a cross in our lives.*