Rock Balancing

Have you ever seen rock balancing? Some people can stack stone upon stone, higher than they can reach. It's incredible.

God likes to stack rocks too, but He makes His own stones.

He creates us—living stones—designed with His own hand, then smooths the rough spots as He allows wave after wave to come crashing down on our lives. He has a very specific plan for us, and all those crashing waves shape us for His purpose. We struggle in that process, but when we set our hearts on aligning our lives with God's will we can start to see His greater purpose. God's design for us—His love for us—shape us for His purpose, but He still protects us from being washed away into the sea.

Romans 5:3-5
Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

He forms stacks of stones, placing each living stone with others to work toward the same, divine purpose. We are not meant to lay in solitude on the water's edge, cursing the beating waves. We're part of something bigger—selected and fashioned for His greater purpose.

1 Peter 2:9
But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Have you ever seen a stone sculpture stacked with perfectly identical stones? The beauty in rock balancing is the perfect placement of each stone that is entirely unique. It's not about using perfect stones, it's about finding the perfect place and purpose for each stone to balance and strengthen the whole sculpture. So God places each of us with different strengths and histories in a place that uses our strengths to reinforce the whole.

You are a living stone, designed to serve a unique and special role in His greater purpose. Weather the waves, align with His purpose and embrace the calling that is explicitly yours.