

**Title:** Rock Solid

**Text:** *"The Lord is my rock (Sela'-Surrounds) and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock (Tsur-Stabalizes), in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."* (Psalm 18:2)

**Target:** What you stand on will determine whether you will stand through.

I. **Meaning of the Metaphor:** Something familiar that communicates something deeper.

**What makes a Rock the Rock?**

- A. **Stability:** Not easily Moved
  - B. **Durability:** Withstands Pressure
  - C. **Reliability:** Put your weight on it
  - D. **Security:** Protection and Shelter
  - E. **Visibility:** Changes Perspective
- II. **More than a Metaphor:** Every word was an Experience
- A. **Fortress (Security & Protection):** *"For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me."* (Psalm 31:3)
  - B. **Deliverer (Rescue from Danger):** *"He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure."* (Psalm 40:2)
  - C. **Refuge (Place of Rest):** *"Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress."* (Psalm 71:3)
  - D. **Shield (Covering):** *"For He will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;"* (Psalm 27:5)
  - E. **Horn (Strength and Authority) of Salvation (To Bring Victory):** *"The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my Salvation."* (Psalm 18:46)
  - F. **Stronghold (Place of Elevation):** *"The LORD has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge."* (Psalm 94:22)
- III. **Make the Metaphor Mine:** *"Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of OUR salvation!"* (Psalm 95:1)
- A. **Notice the Rock:** *"And the LORD said, 'Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock.'" (Exodus 33:21)*
  - B. **Receive the Rock:** *"This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone."* (Acts 4:11)
  - C. **Build on the Rock:** *"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."* (Matthew 7:24-25)
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**D. Watch for the Rock:** *“As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.”*  
(Daniel 2:34)

**Takeaway:** My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand. *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” — Edward Mote, 1834*