

“Written in Stone”

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What	<p>This Readers Theater speaks to the need for us to become living stones, reflecting the hope of the One who sacrificed everything for true and everlasting freedom.</p> <p>Themes: Independence Day, Veterans Day, Sacrifice, Hope, America, Patriotic, Patriotism</p>
Who	<p>Reader 1 Reader 2 Reader 3</p>
When	<p>Present</p>
Costumes and Props	<p>For traditional stage, readers are spread out from stage right to stage left. Each holding a folder with the script.</p> <p>Idea: Display a picture(s) of the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial during the work.</p>
Why	<p>1 Peter 2:5</p>
How	<p>As in all effective Reader’s Theater, scripts should be memorized as much as possible, to allow freedom of the reader to give the piece the emotional range it needs.</p>
Time	<p>Approximately 2 minutes</p>

Readers address the audience.

Reader 1: You see them move by. Slowing down.

Reader 2: Reading.

All: The stone.

Reader 3: Searching.

All: The stone.

Reader 1: It embraces so many

Reader 2: Names.

Reader 3: So many.

Reader 1: Lost forever. Remembered forever.

Reader 2: On this rock. This stone...

All: Carved with care and purpose.

Reader 3: The panel, line number, then the name. Discovered.

Reader 1: For the discoverer, heartache at times.

Reader 2: Tears, at times.

Reader 3: Pride, too.

Pause

Reader 1: They lay down a memory.

Reader 2: A picture.

Reader 3: A flower.

Reader 1: Shoulder patches.

Reader 2: Dog tags.

Reader 3: Medals.

All: A cross.

Pause

Reader 1: They look deep into the name.

All: Names.

Reader 2: Their images reflect back.

Reader 3: On them.

Reader 1: They see themselves. Now part of the

Reader 2: Sacrifice.

Reader 3: A connection.

Reader 1: This stone, home of the lost, a reminder of the

All: Cost.

Pause

Reader 2: This stone lives in us.

Reader 3: All of us.

All: Yet, living stone.

Reader 1: Carved with care and purpose.

Reader 2: Others stare at us, longing to see

Reader 3: Something deeper.

Reader 1: To make

Reader 2: A connection.

Reader 3: To see

Reader 1: A reflection back.

Reader 2: Of hope.

Reader 3: Offered without judgement.

Reader 1: A hope that transcends pain.

Reader 3: Tears.

Reader 3: Heartache.

Reader 1: The hope of the One who sacrificed

All: It all.

Pause

Reader 2: Now, part of that sacrifice

Reader 3: We are so much more.

Reader 1: When people search us.

Reader 2: May they find

Reader 3: In us

Reader 1: In all of us

Reader 2: May they find

Pause

All: Life.

Lights out.