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Encouragement to endure when life gets tough

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1 Peter 2:1-3

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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“If my private world is in order, it will be because I am convinced that the inner world of the spiritual must govern the outer world of activity.”

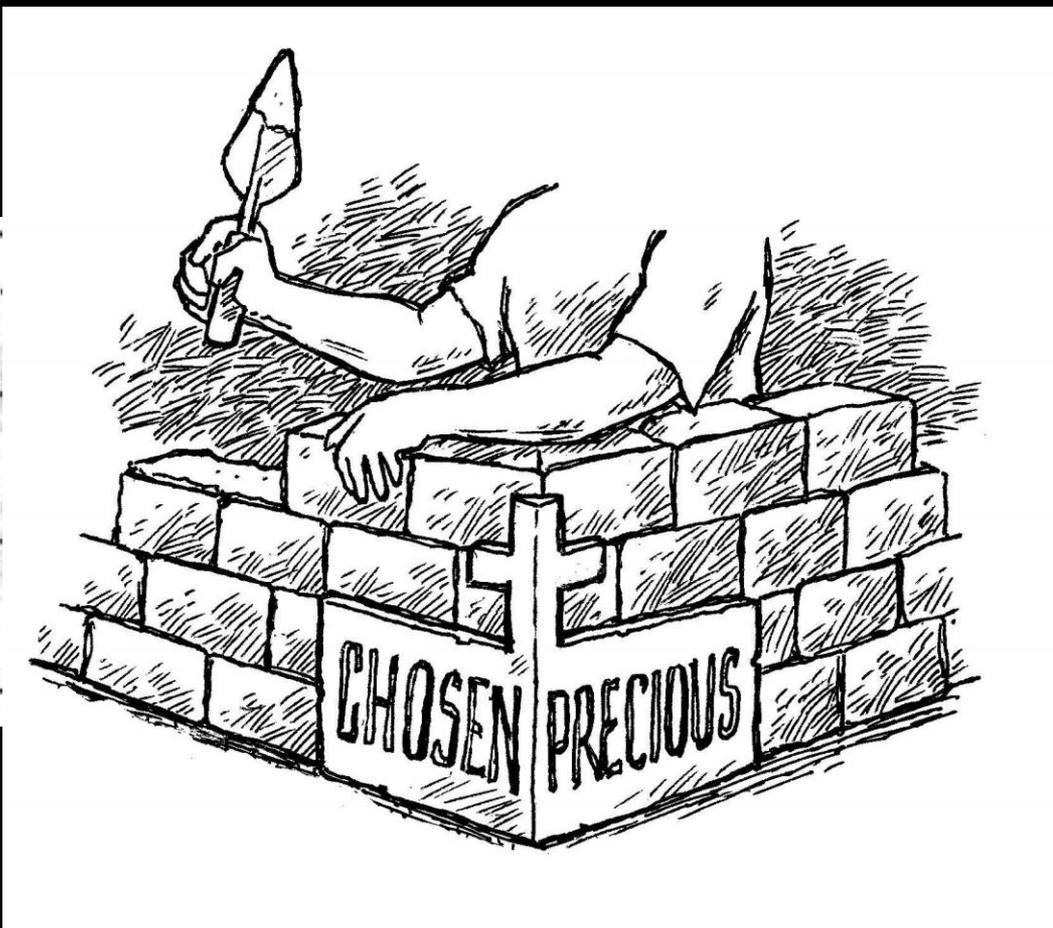
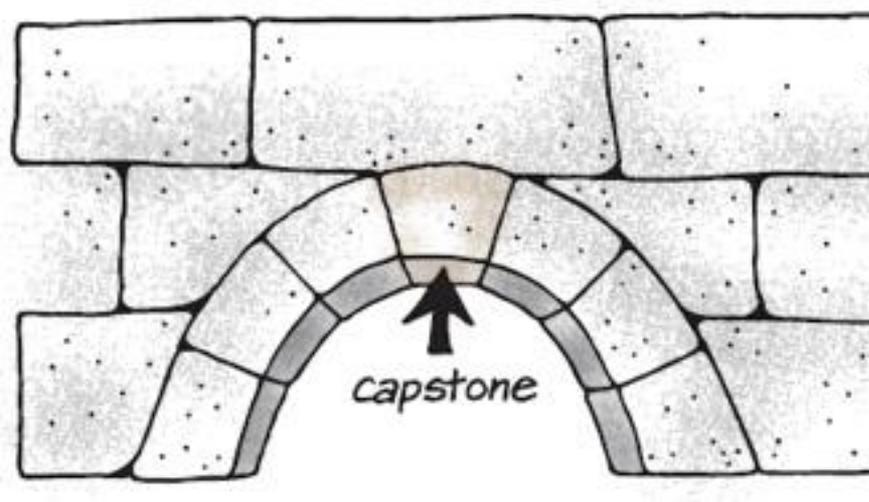
– Gordon McDonald, “Ordering Your Private World”

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1 Peter 2:4-5

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone — rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.



1 Peter 2:6-7

⁶ For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” ⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

1 Peter 2:8

⁸ and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message — which is also what they were destined for.

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1 Peter 2:9-10

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. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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Often when the word 'mission field' is tossed out from pulpits on Sunday's thoughts of the indigenous tribes in the Amazon jungle or remote Africa flood minds. To help bring a balance to how Americans view the mission field I'm defining it as;

any place that people live where gospel proclamation is minimal and a biblical influence of the Church is not felt.

To me, the mission field is both across the seas (international) and across the street (national).

- D.A. Horton – Reach Fellowship Church, Southern CA

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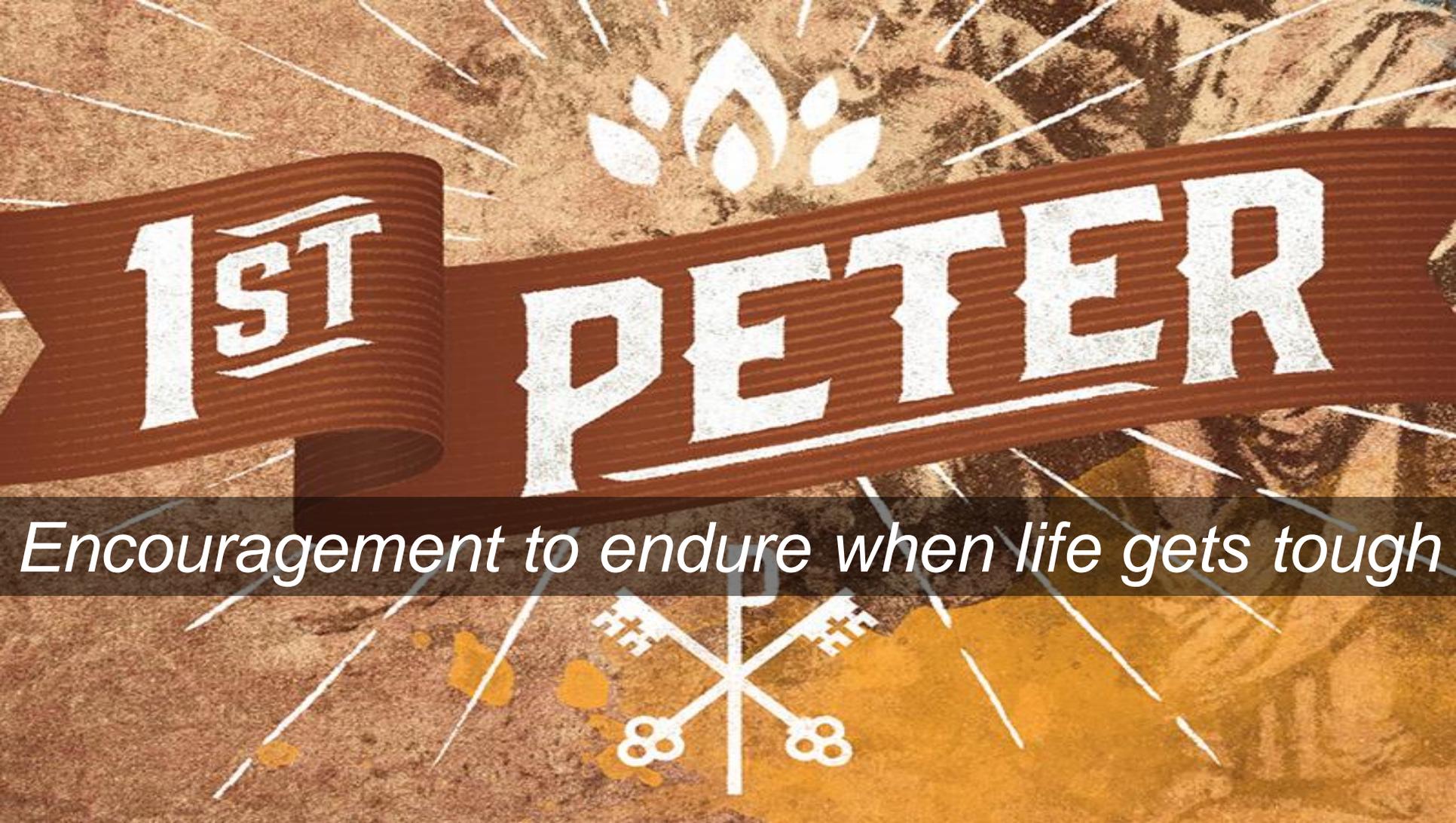
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