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PETER

Encouragement to endure when life gets tough

1 Peter 1:1-2

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, ² who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.



DALMATIA MOESIA

Black Sea

THRACE

MACEDONIA
Thessalonica
Philippi

BITHYNIA

PONTUS

CAPPADOCIA

ASIA

GALATIA

SICILY

EPIRUS

ACHAIA

Ephesus

Colossae

Iconium

Syracuse

Corinth

Troas

LYCIA

TAURUS MOUNTAINS
CILICIA

Antioch

SYRIA

CRETE

RHODES

CYPRUS

Paphos

Mediterranean Sea

AFRICA

CYRENE

Cyrene

PALESTINE

Jerusalem

Alexandria

EGYPT



“As far as God the Father is concerned, I was saved when He chose me in Christ before the foundation of the world. As far as the Son is concerned, I was saved when He died for me on the cross. But as far as the Spirit is concerned, I was saved one night in May 1945 when I heard the gospel and received Christ.

Then it all came together, but it took all three Persons of the Godhead to bring me to salvation. If we separate these ministries, we will either deny divine sovereignty or human responsibility, and that would lead to heresy.” *-Dr. Warren Wiersbe*

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Unhealthy ways we deal with difficult seasons

- Denial
- Distractions
- Destructive behaviors

1 Peter 1:3-5

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

We find the encouragement to endure when we...

1) Trust in the right person,
not just the right principles.

1 Peter 1:6-7

⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:8-9

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

We find the encouragement to endure when we...

2) Rejoice in our salvation,
in the midst of our suffering,
knowing the promise of future glory.

1 Peter 1:10-11

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow.

1 Peter 1:12

¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

1 Peter 1:13

¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

We find the encouragement to endure when we...

3) Actively and thoughtfully
place our hope in Christ.

MAIN IDEA:

God has given us everything we need in Christ
to endure anything we face in life.