

Transforming Trials into Triumphs

Living Hope in Troubled Times – Part 1

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Luke 8:24-26 (ESV) And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm.

Psalms 107:28-30 (ESV) Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

1. You are chosen and _____

1 Peter 1:1-2 (ESV) Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles ... according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

1 Peter 1:3 (ESV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1 Peter 1:4-5 (ESV) to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

2. The purpose and _____ of life's trials

1 Peter 1:6 (ESV) In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

1 Peter 1:7 (ESV) so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:8-9 (ESV) Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

3. How your struggles unfold God's _____

1 Peter 1:10 (ESV) Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully,

1 Peter 1:11 (ESV) inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.

1 Peter 1:12 (ESV) It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

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Intro. In what ways would you describe our age as troubled times?

What lighthouse do we have as believers to guide us in these troubled times?

What does Luke 8:24-26 teach us about what we should do in times of trouble?

How does the promise of Psalm 107:28-30 encourage you in what you're experiencing in life?

1A. According to 1 Peter 1-2, what has God done for you as a believer?

1B. How would you describe what it means to be "born again to a living hope" (1 Peter 1:3)?

1C. What promise(s) from 1 Peter 4-5 would you like to claim for your life?

1D. How can you personalize the above verses to stand on your identity in Christ in troubled times?

2A. How is it possible to rejoice in the midst of the trials of life (1 Peter 1:6)?

2B. Why does God allow trials to come into our lives (1 Peter 1:7)?

2C. How does your faith affect your life (1 Peter 1:8-9)?

2D. How are the trials of your life opportunities to grow in God?

3A. What does the fact that the prophets spoke about what you're experiencing tell you about God's plan (1 Peter 1:10)?

3B. How do we participate both in Christ's sufferings and glories (1 Peter 1:11)?

3C. Why do you think angels long to look into what God is doing in your life (1 Peter 1:12)?

3D. How is your life part of God's grand, eternal plan?