

Persevering as Faithful Exiles
Summary/Overview of 1 Peter
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Big Idea: In the midst of difficulties and persecution, remember who are you in Christ and persevere accordingly in faith, together in community and as witnesses of God's glory!

1. Remember Who You Are & What You Have

- Remember Who You Are: Your Identity in Christ
 - 1:1, 1:3, 1:14, 1:18-19, 2:5-6, 2:9-10, 4:12
 - You are God's Children, Beloved by Him (1:14, 2:10, 4:12)
 - You are Redeemed, Forgiven and Recipients of God's Mercy (1:18-19, 2:10)
 - You are God's Chosen People, a Royal Priesthood (2:9-10)
 - You are Exiles & Sojourners (1:1, 2:11)
- Remember What You Have: Your Inheritance in Christ
 - Your Salvation (1:5-6, 9, 13)
 - The End, Eternity & God's Judgment (1:3; 4:7, 5, 17)
 - God's Glory & Your Future Glory (4:11b, 16; 5:4, 6, 10-11)

2. Live Accordingly | Live Out Who You Are (in Christ)

- God's Commands (Law) show us our sins and our need for Christ *and* it shows us how to live as God's people, growing in Christ-likeness.
 - In justification, God's law exposes our sin and drives us to Christ for righteousness, repentance, and forgiveness. In sanctification, God's law guides us in grateful obedience, showing us how to live in a way that pleases God and conforming and transforming us more into to the likeness of Christ.
- Faith: Persevere in Hope & Trust in God
- (cf. 5:8-9, 4:12, 4:16; 1:13, 4:13; 1:17, 4:19, 5:6-7)
- Community (Church): Live Humbly & Love Selflessly
- (cf. 3:8, 5:3, 5; 1:22, 2:17, 3:8, 4:8-10)
 - Live Humbly (3:8, 5:3, 5)
 - Love Selflessly (1:22, 2:17, 3:8, 4:8-10)
 - Show Hospitality (4:9)
 - Serve One Another (4:10-11)
- Mission (The World): Live as a Witness of Christ
- (cf. 2:9, 4:15-16)
 - Do Good (3:9, 4:19)
 - Live Honorably (2:12, 17; 4:4, 3:15)

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Reflection Questions

- How do you view yourself? Who are you? What are the things you tend to find your identity from? Why do you forget or find your identity in other things besides Christ? Have you truly placed your faith and identity in Christ?

- In what ways are you living life only in the here and now with no regard to eternity? How does keeping in mind eternity shape how you live today?
- How do you understand God's commands in light of the gospel?
- How are you living and growing in each of these area: faith, community, and mission? What are some specific areas of growth or next steps you can take in one of these areas?
- Parent Corner: How are you raising up your child to know and place their identity in Christ? In what ways is it easy to even place your identity as a parent in your child (vs. in Christ)? What are some ways you and your child can grow in love and service in the church community? How are you equipping your child to live on mission in this world?