



Week 1: Endure With Hope

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Reading

In this sermon, Pastor Daniel shares 3 delightful benefits of the Christian life that helps us endure today's world. They are derived from Sunday's passage in 1 Peter 1:1-6:

Read 1 Peter 1:1-6

Before you dive into the text, begin with prayer. Invite God to show you *truths* from the text and *disciplines* you can practice. Take your time through the Scriptures. Read them slowly, thoughtfully, humbly, prayerfully, and practically.

If you are new to reading the Bible, we recommend choosing a version like the New International Version (NIV) or New Living Translation (NLT). We also recommend the YouVersion Bible reading app.

Go ahead and read 1 Peter 1:1-6.

Reflection & Discussion:

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." – 2 Timothy 3:16

1. 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us God's Word is profitable (or useful) for our lives. Read the Scripture above and identify the four ways it is profitable. What is the result of a person who studies and applies it?

Four ways God's word is profitable:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

What would "complete, equipped for every good work" look like in your life?

2. Have you found yourself in a conversation with a friend regarding politically charged issues? How did you respond?

What type of posture should we have in such interactions? (See 1 Peter 3:15 for help)

"The Bible is our roadmap for the Christian life—not the constitution. Christians are citizens in the Kingdom of God first and residents of this country second. We are thankful for our constitutional rights, but our allegiance is to Jesus Christ, His Word, and Christian responsibility." – Sermon

“Sanctification” is a fancy term that just means “the transformative process of spiritual formation.” It means that once God saves us, he takes us on a journey of spiritual life change.

3. From 1 Peter 1:2, what is unique about the connection between “sanctification of the Spirit” and “for obedience to Jesus Christ?”

“When we give ourselves over to the Lord and submit into his care, we come to know the feeling of being a treasured possession—and we will want to obey him—it won’t be drudgery, it will be delight.” – Sermon

4. Deuteronomy 7:6 says, “You belong to the Lord your God,” and that you’re a “special treasure.” How might this affect your posture toward obeying Jesus’ commands?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Daniel shares 3 benefits of the Christian life that helps us endure today’s world: a living hope, an everlasting inheritance, and eternal security. Which of these three ministers to you the most and why?

“We are going to spend eternity in another world, a grand and glorious world where God reigns.” – D.L Moody, Heaven: The Place We Long For

6. Read the following verses:

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day." – 2 Corinthians 4:16 ESV

"So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while." 1 Peter 1:6 NLT

According to this passage, why should we *not* fear death?

7. In light of today's Scriptural truths, what might God be asking you to do?

"Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." – John 20:21

"Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days." – Ephesians 5:16.

*"Throughout history, whenever the church was at the center of political and cultural power, it began to lose influence. But whenever the church was persecuted or pushed out to the margins, it flourished."
– Sermon*

Respond in prayer.

Think through the truths of Scripture you have learned, and ask God to give you the grace, strength and wisdom to apply them.