



BORN AGAIN TO A
LIVING HOPE
THE BOOK OF 1 PETER

Bible study for the week starting June 16, 2024

SHARE

We have a loving but strict Father in God. Were your parents strict or permissive when you grew up?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **1 Peter 2:1-12**. Peter uses the metaphor of stones in different ways. Explore the point he's making, and what His purpose is in us living this way.
2. Read **1 Peter 2:13-25**. Peter gives a tough assignment for people living under an evil empire. How do you apply these exhortations to our world today?
3. Read **Psalms 103**. This Psalm captures God's character so well, including His love as Father toward us, His children. How does this give perspective to the challenges of living as fallen people in a fallen world?
4. Read **John 10:22-30**. This is a reminder of the love of the Father for you: that you are in His hands, and no one can snatch you out. What kind of confidence does this give you as you navigate a world that – in many ways – stands in opposition to Him?

PRAY

Pray for your vocations as citizens and within family relationships as you seek to be living stones that glorify God.



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LIVING STONES & STUBBED TOES

1 Peter 2 (Psalm 103:8-13; John 10:22-30)

June 16, 2024 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

Sanctification is a process that has stops, starts and SETBACKS, but the most powerful tool you have at your disposal is the WORD of God.

The metaphor: “...like LIVING STONES...”

The paradox: The same stone that is the CORNERSTONE of our faith is a STUMBLING STONE for those who reject the Gospel.

“Chapter 1 doesn’t sound that much like PETER.”

The root cause of DISOBEDIENCE is the REJECTION of the Word of God, in all its truth and grace.

3 of these things is just like the other; 1 of these things is not the same: “Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. HONOR the EMPEROR” (1 Peter 2:17).

Yes, this from Peter, who once cut off a soldier’s EAR.

What does it look like to exhibit an ALL-WEATHER faithfulness in a FAIR-WEATHER world?

Jesus is our STANDARD – our SUBSTITUTE – our SHEPHERD.

For next week, please read 1 Peter 3.