

# OUR JOY IS ROOTED IN HOPE

## *A Faith Worth Having*

### **1 PETER 1:3-10**

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**1) A faith that leaves us unprepared for suffering is a false faith that deserves to be lost.**

- “Just as the small fire is extinguished but the storm whereas a large fire is enhanced by it, likewise a weak faith is weakened by predicaments and catastrophes whereas a strong faith is strengthened by them.” - Auschwitz survivor Viktor Frankl
- 2 Corinthians 12:8-10

**2) The faith that can't be shaken is the faith that has been shaken**

- 1 Peter 1:6-8

**3) 3 Ways a genuine and precious faith will be evident:**

1.

2.

3.

## QUESTIONS AND SCRIPTURE FOR FURTHER STUDY THIS WEEK

1. This past weekend we read in 1 Peter 1:5 how followers of Jesus can have the perspective of hope and confidence no matter what life throws at them because they are “shielded by God’s power until the coming salvation.” How does Psalm 22:16-22 reinforce this point and further explain what it takes to keep this kind of hope and confidence?

Blair said on Sunday:

“A faith rooted in Jesus is **not a faith that leaves us unprepared for suffering**. Rather, the trials of life create in us an unshakeable faith that can pass, and even find strength in, the most formidable of lives tests.”

2. This week we heard the good news that the tests and suffering we encounter are more about confirming our faith than an attempt to disqualify it. How do the following verses further build your confidence and hope that God is at work no matter what life throws at you?

John 16:33

Ephesians 3:20-21

1 John 3:1-3

As you look toward 2016, which of these verses would you like to remember the most?

3. Is there anything you personally want to put extra focus on to grow yourself spiritually?

Possible ideas for you personally:

1. Personal time with God
2. Serving others
3. Time with family
4. Prayer
5. Using my gifts & abilities
6. Words of kindness/ encouragement
7. Commit to a GPS

What will your plan be to see this become a reality?