

ALIEN LIFE

1 PETER

SERIES OVERVIEW

"If we find in ourselves a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, then it must be that we were made for a different world." -C.S. Lewis

Have you ever found life difficult, or this world to be a challenging place to live and belong? 1 Peter encourages us to take hold of the hope and power that we have because of Jesus. Keep going, home is closer than you think.

MAIN TEXT

1 Peter 5:1-14, Acts 20:28-31, 1 Timothy 4:3

GETTING STARTED

If you could have lunch with anyone in history, who would you choose? What's one question you would ask them? (No church answers, so you can't choose anyone from the Bible.)

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read 1 Peter 5:1-4. Who has been a Jesus-like example and leader in your life? Who are *you* responsible for leading? How well are you leading them right now?
2. Read 1 Peter 5:6-7. How often do you worry about the future? What keeps you up at night? At the root of worry is pride, and the cure to pride is humility. How does humility help you overcome worry?
3. How can you be humble and others-minded, without being a doormat with no self-esteem?
4. Read 1 Timothy 4:3. "Truth without love is brutality." Where have you seen or experienced this? "Love without truth is hypocrisy." Where have you seen or experienced this?
5. Read 1 Peter 5:8. How often do you acknowledge that the devil is real? Why is this so difficult?

6. Read 1 Peter 5:9-10. Peter highlights two things that help us resist the devil. a) Other believers. b) Jesus resurrecting from the dead. How do each of these strengthen you?

NEXT STEPS

1 Peter shows us there is no better way to demonstrate who Jesus is than by being humble and submissive towards others. Who in your life needs to see more of Jesus? How will you be humble and submissive towards them?

Spend time reading and praying over each of these scriptures and allow God to use them to direct you and encourage you as you live as temporary residents here.

DAILY READING

- 1 Peter 5:1-4 (Care For The Flock)
- 1 Peter 5:5-7 (Clothed In Humility)
- 1 Peter 5:8-9 (Stay Alert)
- 1 Peter 5:10-11 (Firm Foundation)
- 1 Peter 5:12-14 (Encouraged & Assured)

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