

1 Peter 1:13-25
“Hope In A Hostile World”

AS YOU SETTLE IN...

- Turn to the book of (1 Peter 1:13-25) NLT

~ LET'S PRAY ~

NOTE TAKERS...

- Our current series is titled: “Hope In A Hostile World”

~ INTRO ~

TWO-WEEKS...

- We discovered the cultural-backdrop in Rome...
 - And the conditions Peter wrote from.

LAST WEEK...

- We learned about the man writing – Peter:
 - a) What Jesus said about Peter (name change)
 - b) His stubborn & tough personality.

NOW... THIS MORNING...

- Let's also recognize the growth in Peter...
 - And apply the lessons of *faith*... so we can grow too.

PETER WAS NO JOKE!!!

- Tradition tells us that Peter's wife was crucified...
 - While Peter was forced to watch.
- AND it's reported that Peter cried to her... as she was dying...
 - He screams out, *“Remember the Lord!”*
- Then Peter was crucified upside down.

POINT BEING...

- Peter's walk... with Jesus... had matured!
 - And he was putting into practice the things he wrote here.

SOMEBODY ONCE SAID...

- You can learn to curb sinful desires alone...
 - But when it comes to crucifying your flesh...

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- It always requires someone else to put the final nail in.

OK... **HERE’S WHAT OUR TEXT SAYS:**

- Read (1 Peter 1:13-16) NLT

HERE’S THE QUESTION WE LOOKING TO ANSWER:

- How do we live by *faith* in a culture of animosity?

THE SHORT ANSWER IS...

- We follow the example Jesus set.

JESUS MAINTAINED...

- A constant victorious attitude in the face of hostility.
 1. He drew His thoughts from what the Father had told Him.
 2. He put His emotions in check by submission to the Father.
 3. He daily maintained prayer contact with the Father.

HE DID THOSE THINGS...

- That are part of Holy Living (set apart).

IDEA #1 – “HOLY LIVING” (vv.13-16)

IN THESE VERSES...

- Peter is quoting from the O.T. (Lev. 11:44) (Lev. 19:2) & (Lev. 20:7).

REMEMBER...

- God had drawn out a special nation from Abraham...
 - The Hebrews – (Gen. 14:13).
 - Meaning: *passing over or passing thru.*

(1 Peter 2:11) NKJV

“sojourners and pilgrims”

- Christians are on a temporary stay AND just passing thru!

SO...

- We’re taught how to live distinctively different lives by *faith*!
- God gives us a framework of His character thru His word...

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- AND then requires His people to trust Him!

NOW... JESUS TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES ABOUT *faith*...

- By interacting with them... IN... the daily struggles.
 - This also gave Him access to speak...
 - When the disciples “*lacked faith.*”

HERE’S FOUR LESSONS WE CAN GROW FROM:

1. **Have *faith* in God to meet the necessities of our life....**
 - √ (Matt. 6:30) NLT (anxiety over basic needs)
2. **Have *faith* in God to handle the problems around our life...**
 - √ (Matt. 8:26) NLT (storms that test our faith)
3. **Have *faith* when God calls us to do the impossible...**
 - √ (Matt. 14:31) NLT (situations that prove our faith)
4. **Have *faith* in God when we misunderstand what He meant...**
 - √ (Matt. 16:8) NLT (forgetful faith)

POINT BEING...

- God wants us to trust His abilities & His faithfulness...
 - With clear thoughts & appropriate emotions!

(v.13) NLT

- *Think clearly* --- (Phil. 4:8) NLT
- *Exercise self-control* --- (Prov. 23:2-4) NKJV
- *Look forward* --- (Phil. 3:12-14) NKJV

(v.14) NLT

- *Don’t slip back into your old ways of living*
 - WHY? Because we know better!

(vv.15-16) NLT

- Holiness is a way of living that is focused on God & not self!

HOLINESS IS A RESULT...

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- OF being in a right relationship with God...
 - Thru Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.

AND THE OUT GROWTH...

- Is seen in our daily living!
 - No longer do we trying to blend in with the world.

BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY...

- Is the complete opposite of...
 - Liberal Christianity OR Pop-Culture Christianity...

Pop- Culture:

Is generally recognized as a set of practices, beliefs, and objects that are dominant or prevalent in a society at a given point in time.

IF THE CHURCH...

- Looks like the world...
 - We no longer make a difference.

(Matt. 5:13) NLT

“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor?”

DOES THIS MAKE SENSE?

- Are you understanding that Peter is teaching us...
 - To live differently in a hostile world!

AND THAT FIRST STEP...

- Is to live *holy lives* (being set apart / different) by *faith*.

~ IN CLOSING ~

HERE’S YOUR CALL TO ACTION THIS WEEK:

- It’s your personal part of the Great Commission...
 - To make a difference!

- I. Take the invite card(s) on your seat...
 - √ Pray over it & give it to someone.

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- II. Join us in prayer this week...
- Thursday night at 6:30pm.

HERE’S WHAT THE EARLY CHURCH DID...

(Acts 2:42) NLT

ALL the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals, (including the Lord’s Supper), AND to prayer.”

I’ve been praying... that as you step out in faith...

- The Holy Spirit would meet you / help you / & bless you!

CHURCH...

- This is an amazing time to live for Jesus!
 - We have an open door & I encourage you to step thru it by faith!

~LET’S PRAY~

IF YOU SEE YOUR CHRISTIAN WALK...

- Is different than what the Bible describes...
 - Can I encourage you to confess it to God...
 - AND change directions this morning!

RAISE YOUR HAND SO I CAN PRAY FOR YOU.