



(1 Peter 5:10 NIV) And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast

## LIVING AN EXCEPTIONAL LIFE IN DIFFICULT TIMES

### 1. Establish boundaries.

(1 Peter 2:1-3 NIV) "Get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and unkind speech. Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation."

To say YES... you must say NO.

### 2. Build community.

(1 Peter 2:4-10 NIV)

(1 Peter 2: 5, 7 NIV) "And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple... The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone."

You can't become all that God has called you to be by yourself. You need others. You need community.

### 3. Embrace brokenness.

(1 Peter 2:21 NIV) "For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps."

An exceptional life happens in an imperfect environment.



# UPPER ROOM

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This "land in which we live will always be a little dangerous and unjust. But, as "foreigners" we settle into our temporary home.

## For Christians in difficulty:

- Courage becomes our most compelling feature.
- The good news of Jesus Christ becomes our most powerful message.
- Service, humility, and grace become our most powerful qualities.

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