

#### **GRACE & GRIT**

#### A HIGHER CALLING

(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

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### 1. Focus on what <u>fills your mind</u>.

(1 Peter 1:13 NIV) Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober...

(Phillipians 4:8 NIV) Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.

# 2. Keep your <u>hope</u> in the right place.

(1 Peter 1:13 NIV) ...set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

(Psalm 43:5 NIV) Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

(1 Peter 5:7 NIV) Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

# 3. Evaluate the source of your <u>standards</u>.

(1 Peter 1:14-16 NIV) As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

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(Matthew 5:20 NIV) For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

(1 John 1:8 NIV) If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

### 4. Do the next right thing.

(1 peter 1:22-25 NIV) Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.