

## LIVING DIFFERENTLY DURING DISCOURAGING TIMES

1 Pet. 1:22-2:3

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### I. REMEMBER TO LIVE WITH HOPE – We are elect exiles with a living hope! 1 Peter 1:1-12

- ✓ **Salvation** – God has elected and chosen me.
- ✓ **Sanctification** – God is working in my life.
- ✓ **Glorification** – God has secured my future.

### II. REMEMBER TO LIVE OUT YOUR CALLING – We are chosen to be different! 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

*Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night so I'll have good cause to be proud of you on the day that Christ returns.*      **Philippians 2:15-16 (The Message)**

*So roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear, be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives. Don't lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn't know any better then; you do now. As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness.*

**1 Pet. 1:13-14 (The Message)**

- A) ... with **HOPE** (1:13)
- B) ... with **HOLINESS** (vv. 14-16)
- C) ... with **FEAR** (vv. 17-21)

Today:

#### **D. Live Out Your Calling With Sincere Love 1 Pet. 1:22-25**

*<sup>22</sup> Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup> for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of*

*grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls,<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.* 1 Pet. 1:22–25 (ESV)

*“You must all stand fast in the faith and love one another, and do not be weakened by what I’ve gone through.”*

Perpetua – 1<sup>st</sup> Century Christian being tortured in Carthage

*“It is our care for the helpless, our practice of loving kindness, that brands us in the eyes of many of our opponents. ‘Look,’” they say, ‘How they love one another! Look how they are prepared to die for one another.’”*

Tertullian – 1<sup>st</sup> Christian writer to write in Latin

*“It is incredible to see the fervor with which the people of that religion help each other in their wants. They spare nothing. Their first legislator (Jesus) has put it into their heads that they are brethren.”* Lucian – Unbelieving Greek writer

<sup>34</sup> *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.* <sup>35</sup> *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”* John 13:34-35 (ESV)

4 practical expressions of LOVE:

Listen

Overlook

Value

Express

E. Live Out Your Calling By Longing for and Living by the Word of God 1:23-2:3

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*hypocrisy and envy and all slander.* <sup>2</sup> *Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—* <sup>3</sup> *if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

1 Peter 1:23–2:3 (ESV)

*So get rid of all malicious behavior and deceit. Don't just pretend to be good! Be done with hypocrisy and jealousy and backstabbing.*

1 Peter 2:1 (NLT)

<sup>2</sup> *For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.*

James 3:2 (ESV)

<sup>31</sup> *So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

John 8:31–32 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17

## 1. Why Should I Read It?

**A. The Bible Is God’s Word Written,** God’s word through human words, spoken through human mouths and written through human hands.

### **B. God Still Speaks Through His Word.**

(1) *gegraptai gar: “for it stands written”*

**Perfect tense:** What God has spoken has been written down and continues to speak.

(2) *legei gar: “for it (or he) says”*

**Present continuous tense:** God is continuing to speak what He once spoke.

- **God's Word is always ancient and contemporary – it moves with the times and continues to address each new generation!**

### **C. God's Word is Powerful.**

*<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11*

*<sup>9</sup>For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.* **Psalm 33:9**

### **2. What Will It Do For Me?**

- A. To Grow** – Rom. 12:2, 1 Pet. 2:2, John 8:32
- B. To Defeat Sin** – Psalm 119:9, 11
- C. To Prepare For Service** – 1 Tim. 4:6, 2 Tim. 2:15
- D. To Be Blessed** – Joshua 1:8, Ps 1:1-3, Jeremiah 15:16
- E. To Help Others** – 2 Tim. 2:2, 1 Pet. 3:15
- F. To Know God's Will** – Psalm 40:8, John 7:17, Eph. 5:17, Jer. 9:23-24

### **3. How Do I Get To Know It?**

- **Hear it!**
- **Read it!**
- **Memorize it!**
- **Meditate on it!**
- **Apply it!**

*So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”* **Rom. 10:17**

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