



Resilient Faith: A Study of 1 Peter

Weekly Work + 90-Day Bible Reading Plan | March 15

Introduction

We want to be a people who have a resilient faith. Throughout this series, our goal is to help us appreciate the unshakable salvation we have in Christ, embrace our treasured identity as God's chosen people, and learn what it means to live holy and hopeful lives - even in the face of trials.

So, let's continue through 1 Peter AND our reading of the New Testament!

Read 1 Peter 4:12-19.

1. What term does Peter use to describe the suffering believers are facing (verse 12)? What does this imagery suggest about its nature and purpose? Where in your life have you experienced (or are experiencing) suffering that could refine you like fire? How might rejoicing in it change your perspective?
2. What instructions does Peter give in response to this suffering (verses 12-13)? List the specific commands or attitudes he encourages. What might it look like for you to cultivate a posture of joy when sharing in Christ's sufferings? What mindset shifts are needed?
3. What key phrase in verse 19 summarizes the passage? What two actions does it command for those suffering? What does "doing good" look like for you right now, even in difficulty? How does trusting God's faithfulness help sustain that?
4. In light of verses 17-18, how does being reminded of God's justice and grace help us in suffering? How might this encourage you in the midst of your own trials?
5. Read Matthew 5:10-11, 38-48; and Romans 5:3-5. In what ways does reading these passages alongside our 1 Peter passage shed light on what it means to "suffer" as a Christian? How might these Scriptures apply to your own life right now?



New Testament Reading Plan

Below is the reading plan for our journey through the New Testament. Each day, set aside a few minutes to read through the text. The goal isn't to solve every riddle or answer every question. The goal is simply to pour God's Words into your mind and heart! After each day's reading, reflect. Use the following questions to help you do so:

- How are you coming to today's reading?
- What stood out to you or resonated with you?
- How does today's reading apply to your life?

After you've finished reading, move to the prayer portion of your weekly devotions to finish your time. Here's the reading for this week:

Day 1: Hebrews 4-6, Psalm 116
Day 2: Hebrews 7-10, Psalm 117
Day 3: Hebrews 11-13, Psalm 118
Day 4: James 1-3, Psalm 119:1-32
Day 5: James 4-5, Psalm 119:33-72
Day 6: 1 Peter 1-3, Psalm 119:73-112
Day 7: 1 Peter 4-5, Psalm 119:113-152

Pray

Based on your time in God's Word today (either in 1 Peter or in the New Testament), write a prayer to the Lord. Share with him your questions, what resonated, where you feel challenged, where you're hoping to grow, where you experienced resistance or difficulty in reading, etc. Use the space below to write your prayer.