



In Tough Times

Peter 1:1 – 5 Review (Readers Digest version)

This letter is from Peter...I am writing to God's chosen people. God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy...It is by his great mercy that we have been born again....Now we live with great expectation and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven... Through your faith, God is protecting you....until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day...

KEY UNDERSTANDING 1

- » **God** _____ **who you are**
Isaiah 43:1 - I have called you by name; you are mine.
- » **God** _____ **what you need**
Isaiah 1:18 - "Come now, let's settle this, "says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool."

KEY UNDERSTANDING 2

- » **You are God's** _____
1 John 3:1 - See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!
- » **You are** _____
Romans 4:7-8 Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sins are put out of sight. Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of sin."
- » **God is** _____ **over you**
Psalms 3:5 I lay down and slept, yet I woke up in safety, for the Lord was watching over me.
- » **You will spend** _____ **with Christ**
John 14:2-4 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And

at the time	troubled	Name	can see now; rather, we fix our	Meeting	Schedule	things
that cannot be	leash. For	the things we see now will	soon be	g	re-	tion
Small Groups	Names	Email	Addresses	Day	Time	
Adult Sunday School	Gary	Arbino	garyarbino@gs.edu	Sun.	9 am	C-1
Adult Sunday School	Len	Mowat	lenmowat@fico.com	Sun	11 am	C-1
Family School rows. But take	Neil	Church	inchurch@petalumabaptist.org	Sun	after-noon	E-6
Bell Choir	Steve	Moulyn	smoulyn@petalumabaptist.org	Sun	6 pm	Youth Room
CR 12-Step Women	Angela	Isola	angelaisola@gmail.com	Mon	6:30 pm	C-5
CR 12-Step Men	Randy	Carpen-	carp8992@sbcglobal.net	Tues	6:30 pm	Hillside Church
Women's Bible Study	Roberta	Hope	rhope2003@comcast.net	Tues	7 pm	C-1
Sons of Thunder	Roy	Walters	truecoup@yahoo.com	Tues	6:30 pm	FS Hall
CR 12-Step Women	Brenda	Merwin	brmerwin@comcast.net	Wed	6:30 pm	C-5
Celebration Choir	Neil	Church	inchurch@petalumabaptist.org	Wed	7 pm	E-6
PVBC Youth	Steve	Moulyn	smoulyn@petalumabaptist.org	Wed	6:30 pm	Youth Room
Masters Men	Steve	Moulyn	smoulyn@petalumabaptist.org	Thur	7 am	FS Hall
Women's Bible Study	Roberta	Hope	rhope2003@comcast.net	Thur	9 am	FS Hall
Prayer Meeting	Cindy	Bates	cbates1954@sbcglobal.net	Fri	7 pm	Prayer Room
Small Group	Gary	McCoy	garymccoy@comcast.net	Sun	5 pm	Home
Small Group	Neil	Church	inchurch@petalumabaptist.org	Thur	7 pm	Home
Small Group	Ernie	Lorenz	elorenz4900@gmail.com	Sun	1 pm	Home
Small Group	Valsy	O'Brien	valsybrien@aol.com	Sun	1 pm	Home
Bible Study	Len	Mowat	lenmowat@fico.com	Wed	7 pm	Home
Small Group	Steve	Moulyn	smoulyn@petalumabaptist.org	Tues	7 pm	Home

if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

BIBLE TEACHING

1 Peter 1:6 - So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while.

In this _____ **you are going to have many** _____

Responses to Trials

» **Continue** _____ **God**

James 1:2-4 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

» **Stop** _____ **God**

BIBLE TEACHING

1 Peter 1:7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

4 LIFE CHOICES TO DEVELOP FAITH IN YOUR LIFE

Romans 10:17 Faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

LIFE CHOICE #1

Spend time every day _____ **with God**

LIFE CHOICE #2

Make _____ **a priority**

Hebrews 10:24-25 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together,

as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

LIFE CHOICE #3

Connect with a _____ **group**

1 Thessalonians 5:11 So encourage each other and build each other up.

LIFE CHOICE #4

_____ **&** _____

James 2:14-20 What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? ...you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless ...How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?

2 Corinthians 9:5-8 I want it to be a willing gift, not one given grudgingly. Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

BIBLE TEACHING

1 Peter 1:8 & 9 You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

Eternal perspective on suffering

Romans 8:18 & 19 Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look