

SEPT 12 | LIVING WITH HOPE

1 Peter 1:1-12

- 1. What is the difference in the way the word HOPE is used in the following sentences? I HOPE it doesn't rain tomorrow. According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living HOPE... (v3)
- 2. What does your faith in Jesus have to do with your ability to live with hope?
- 3. What are some trials you have faced in your life? How did these trials test your faith?
- 4. How does your hope for tomorrow change your today?
- 5. Peter wrote these words to Jewish Christians who were being persecuted for their faith. Have you ever been persecuted for your faith?
- 6. Millions of Christians around the world today are being persecuted for their Christian faith. How can you pray for them?



SEPT 19 | LIVING WITH FAITH

1 Peter 1:13-25

- 1. How is your relationship with God today different from your relationship with Him last year, 5 years ago, or 10 years ago?
- 2. What do you think a Christian's "holy" life looks like? Are you living a holy life?
- 3. What is God's answer to your unholiness? How challenging is it for you to live with faith in God's answer to your unholiness?
- 4. How is Jesus' blood like a ransom in a kidnapping case? (1 Peter 2:18-19)
- 5. How has Jesus been made manifest to you? (1 Peter 1:20-21) How can you make Him manifest to others? (1 Peter 2:22-23)
- 6. 1 Peter 2:25 begins with these words: ",the Word of the Lord remains forever. How can these words help you move through the coming week living with faith in God's promises?



SEPT 26 | LIVING WITH PURPOSE

1 Peter 2:1-10

- 1. What is the pure spiritual milk that Peter talks about in 1 Peter 2:2?

 Do you long for it like an infant longs for its mother's milk? Why or why not?
- 2. What does it mean to you to be a living stone a building block in the God's spiritual house, His Church?
- 3. In 1 Peter 2:9, what four terms does Peter use to describe those who believe in Him? Using your own words, describe how God sees you?
- 4. How does God's view of you help you live with purpose?
- 5. How would you describe your purpose in life in this moment in time? Do you think God would agree with you?



OCT 3 | LIVING IN FREEDOM

1 Peter 2:11-25

- 1. As you live in this world with all of its temptations, how can you keep your testimony credible and admirable to those who do not believe in Jesus?
- 2. Describe a time when you used your Christian freedom to excuse a sinful action? How could you have made a God-pleasing choice instead?
- 3. Have you ever suffered injustice for speaking or living your faith? Have you ever been the victim of unjust gossip or false accusations?
- 4. How can you follow in Jesus' example when you suffer injustice?
- 5. How has Jesus' suffering and death benefited you?

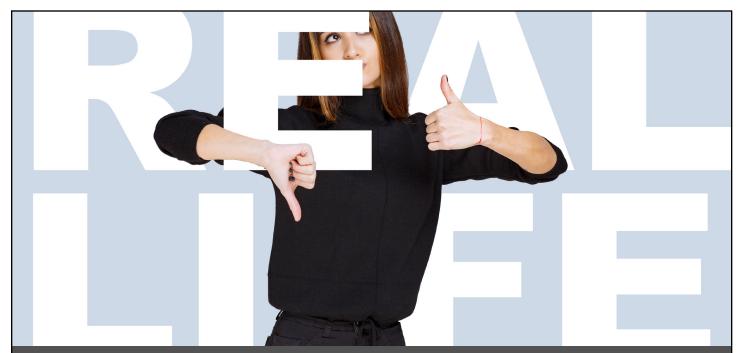
 Take some time to praise Him for all He has done for you.



OCT 10 | LIVING WITH HONOR

1 Peter 3:1-7

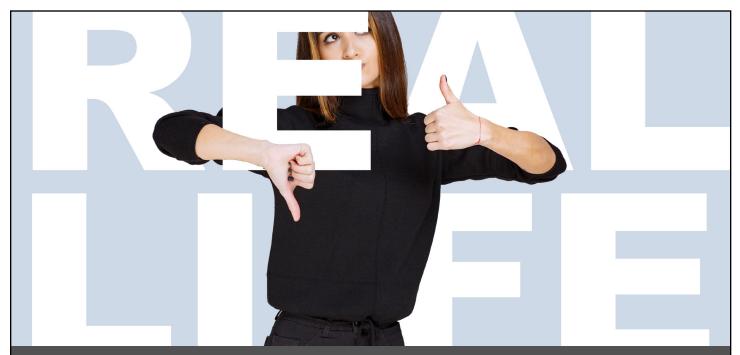
- 1. How can you show honor to someone else with your words? With your actions? With your thoughts?
- 2. Why is showing honor and respect to a non-Christian husband so important?
- 3. How do you try to bring honor to yourself with external things?
- 4. How do these external things compete with the internal work of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- 5. What is the connection between your faith and living with honor in your marriage and family?



OCT 17 | LIVING WITH LOVE

1 Peter 3:8-12

- 1. What unifies and identifies us as Christian brothers and sisters?
- 2. Share a time when you have been made fun of or looked down upon for living as a Christian. How did you cope with the situation?
- 3. Why does God allow us to experience persecution for our faith? What is His promise to us when we find ourselves sin these difficult situations?
- 4. What is your answer "to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15)?
- 5. We don't get a free pass to heaven because we have suffered for our faith. What is the only way to enter heaven?



OCT 24 | LIVING FOR GOD

1 Peter 3:17-22

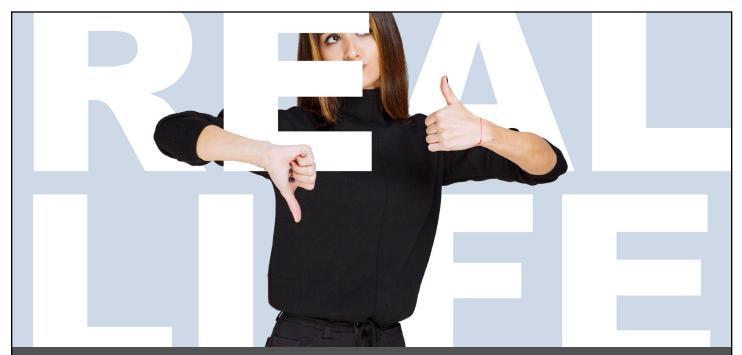
- 1. Have you ever been mocked, marginalized socially, discriminated against, or mistreated because you a Christian?
- 2. Why did Jesus suffer? [See verse 18.]
- 3. Verse 19 describes Jesus descending into hell. Why did Jesus descend into hell?
- ___ To continue to suffer for our sins?
- ___ To convert those who were in hell so they could go to heaven?
- ___ To proclaim His victory over death and the devil?
- 3. If Jesus suffered once for our sins, why do we sometimes continue to suffer for our sins by holding on to guilt and shame?
- 4. Compare what you know about Baptism with what you know about the Flood. What similarities do you find?
- 5. Where is Jesus today?



OCT 31 | LIVING TO SERVE

1 Peter 4:1-11

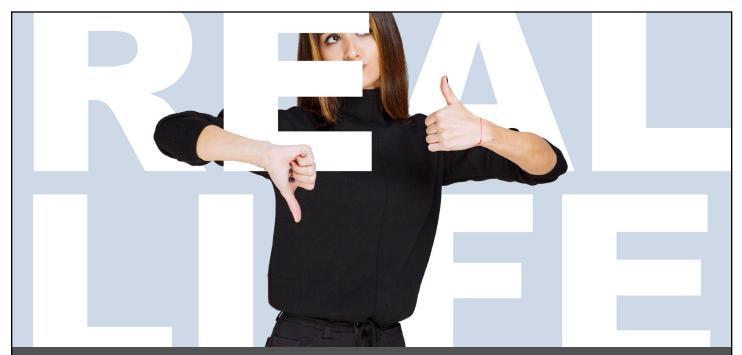
- 1. How can you arm yourself with thinking that is like Jesus' way of thinking?
- 2. Can suffering make you holier? Can you ever become perfect?
- 3. How do you see yourself? Why? How does God see you? Why?
- 4. What does 1 Peter 4:1-11 say about living our lives on earth until Jesus returns? Which of the directives in these verses, do you find the most challenging?
- 5. What gifts has God given you? How can you use these gifts to serve others and to give God glory?

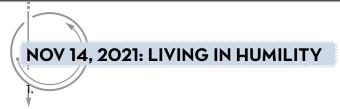


NOV 7, 2021: LIVING WITH COURAGE

1 Peter 4:12-19

- 1. What is one example of a "fiery trial" that has tested your faith?
- 2. Why shouldn't we be surprised when living as a Christian results in persecution?
- 3. God allows suffering to enter our lives as a result of our own sin. Can you think of an example of this?
- 4. God allows suffering to enter our lives as a result our living like a Christian in a worldthat does not understand us or wants to be rid of us, Can you think of an example ofthis?
- 5. How can we bring glory to God when we suffer for being a Christian?





1 Peter 5:1-7

- 1. What credentials does Peter present to assure the readers that he has the authority to tell them these things?
- 2. What is the job of an elder? What other titles are given to people with the same job in the church?
- 3. What advice does Peter give church leaders? How is an elder's job like that of a shepherd?
- 4. Who is the flock of God? What does Peter say about living in humility towards other Christians?
- 5. Is verse 7 a command or a suggestion? Why should we put our worries on God's shoulders?



NOV 21, 2021: LIVING WITH STRENGTH

1 Peter 5:8-14

- 1. Who lives behind the mask of a roaring lion looking for a life to tear apart and consume? What are some ways you can recognize this very real enemy and his temptation?
- 2. Can you think of examples in the Bible of people that Satan tried to devour? Which ones were successful in resisting him, and which ones fell prey to him?
- 3. How is Satan trying to devour/tempt the people Peter was writing to?
- 4. 1 Peter ends with a call to Christians to stand firm in God's grace. How and where willyou find the strength to stand firm in the face of persecution, suffering, trials, and temptations?
- 5. What is the most transformative message you discovered in the Real Living sermon series?