

## Friday

As you look back over the First Peter series, what in particular stands out as a principle or verse that has made an impact in your life?

Take some time to skim through the entire book, and circle verses that stand out for you. Write down their references here:

Why did they stand out for you?

*Thank God for the relevance of His word to us! Ask Him to help you apply what you've learned through this book!*

## Saturday

*Finish up any devotions you may have missed, and pray that God would lead you and all of Twin Lakes Church in the way He desires us to go! Please pray for the services this weekend – it's a busy weekend! Pray that people will sign up for the small groups and be enthused about participating in the Jesus Journey!*

*Some questions from this week's devotions were adapted from The Serendipity New Testament for Groups*



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# LIVING HOPE

PART 11

## For Life's Biggest Battles

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1 PETER 5:8-14

### I will have spiritual victory when I...

#### 1. Resist \_\_\_\_\_

Be **self-controlled** and **alert**. Your **enemy** the **devil** prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to **devour**. **Resist** him, **standing firm in the faith**... *1 Peter 5:8-9a NV*

Self-controlled: \_\_\_\_\_

Alert: \_\_\_\_\_

Enemy: \_\_\_\_\_

Devil: \_\_\_\_\_

Devour: \_\_\_\_\_

Resist: \_\_\_\_\_

(not to strive or fight)

Standing firm in the faith: See Ephesians 6:10-11

#### Think of Peter's own experience:

Then Jesus returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "Are you asleep? Could you not **keep watch** for one hour? **Watch** and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." *Mark 14:37-38*

There are choices that lead to peace, joy, serenity; there are choices that lead to destruction, distraction, dissatisfaction (worry, lust, greed, gossip, judgmental attitudes, living for the approval of others, etc.).

## 2. Remember \_\_\_\_\_

...because you know that **your brothers throughout the world** are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. *1 Peter 5:9b*

## 3. Rely \_\_\_\_\_

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**. *1 Peter 5:10*

## 4. Remain \_\_\_\_\_

With **the help of Silas**, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that **this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it**. *1 Peter 5:12*

She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. Greet one another with a kiss of **love. Peace** to all of you who are in Christ. *1 Peter 5:13–14*

**Peter closes as he began:**

With \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## The big idea of First Peter:

There will be tough times but \_\_\_\_\_

## Daily Meditations

*We've been studying the book of First Peter for about ten weeks! I hope this series has encouraged you to live with hope. In this week's devotions, let's review some themes of First Peter.*

### Monday

Read 1 Peter 5:8–9. What do you think the average person believes about the devil, and how do those beliefs diverge from what the Bible actually teaches?

What are some of the means the devil uses to “devour” people in our society — and in churches today?

How does Peter tell us to respond to the devil? How is this different from the pop culture imagination about “fighting the devil”?

What does it mean to “stand firm in the faith,” and how can this be effective in resisting your enemy's schemes?

*Ask God to help you stand firm in the faith against the schemes of your adversary! Pray that our church will also stand strong.*

## Tuesday

Read 1 Peter 5:10–14. How do these verses sum up Peter's themes in his whole epistle — the pressures these people were facing, as well as his advice to them?

What did Peter assure that God would do after the people had suffered a little while?

What area of your life would you like God to restore and make you strong, firm, and steadfast?

What pictures of Christ has Peter drawn in this letter?

How do those pictures inspire you?

*Ask God to restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast to the end!*

## Wednesday

One of the three main themes of the book of First Peter can be summarized as “Get Ready for the Tough Times.” Peter warns us repeatedly that we will have tough times here on earth:

Please read 1 Peter 1:6, 4:12, 4:16 & 4:19. Why is it important to be aware that we will experience suffering?

What happens if we are not prepared?

What does Peter say we should do in response to our suffering? When is this hard?

*Thank God today for His word. Thank Him for the opportunity to study the Bible. Ask God to help you recall what you've learned about suffering when you are going through hard times. Pray that you will be a spreader of hope!*

## Thursday

Please read 1 Peter 1:3, 1:13, 1:21: 3:5 & 3:15. These verses represent another major theme of 1 Peter: **hope**. What happens to you when you feel a sense of hopelessness?

What happens when you have hope?

What have you learned about Christian hope in this study that distinguishes it from positive thinking?

In what area of your life do you need hope right now?

*Thank God today for the hope you have in Him. Pray that you will live as a person of hope. Talk to God about your struggles with hope. Pray that you will be a person real hope and spread that to those you encounter today.*



Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. *1 Peter 5:8*