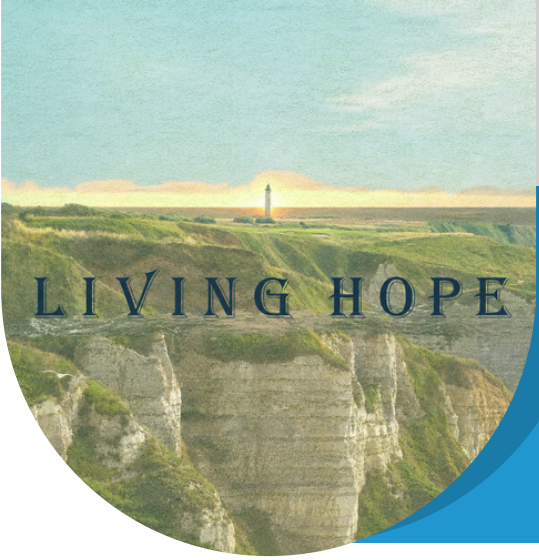




LIVING HOPE

1 PETER 1:6–12

“FAITH TESTED BY FIRE”

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

OPENING

Read the Text Together: 1 Peter 1:6–12

Read 1 Peter 1:6–12 aloud. Let Peter’s words resonate with you.

SUMMARY

Faith is not proven when life is easy, but when we walk through trials. In 1 Peter 1:6–12, we are reminded that God uses seasons of suffering and testing to refine our faith, making it more precious than gold. Even when we cannot see the purpose behind our struggles, we can trust the God who is faithfully working through them. This message explores how trials can strengthen our faith, deepen our hope, and point us toward the joy of our salvation in Christ.

DISCUSSION

Questions

- What are some of the purposes of trials mentioned here in 1 Peter?
- How can someone have an attitude of rejoicing even in the midst of trials and persecution? What kind of perspective does that take?
- Why can believers on this side of the cross claim a more privileged status than prophets of the Old Testament? How does that make you feel?
- Compare humans with angels. Which is the “greater” being? How does this passage inform our understanding of that question?
- How does the privilege of being a Christian relate to the responsibility of being a Christian?
- What trials are you currently enduring? How do Peter’s words help you engage in a healthier, biblical way?



This document can be used for either personal or group reflection.

Group facilitator: Please feel empowered to use only the questions that are helpful for the context of your group or add others you think would spark thought and discussion.



**PREPARE FOR
NEXT WEEK:**

1 Peter 1:13–21