

Series: 1 Peter- Keep the Faith in Tough Times – Pt 2 of 12
Scripture: 1 Peter 1:2-12
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HOW TO KEEP FROM BEING DISCOURAGED

Background...

- Written by Peter - 1 Peter 1:1
- Written to Christians... 1 Peter 1:1-2
- Peter gives a portrait of a Christian...

I'm a _____
I'm _____
I'm _____
I'm to be _____
I'm _____

Three actions to make it through your trials and tribulations...

1. HOLD ON TO YOUR _____!

1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

- Realize that God is _____!
Ephes. 2:12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ...without hope and without God in the world.
- Realize we have a _____ hope!
1 Tim. 6:17, 1 Thes. 4:13, 1 Peter 1:21, 1 Cor. 13:13, 1 Thes. 5:8
Titus 2:12-13 It teaches us to...live...godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,
- Our hope is based on the _____!
1 Tim. 4:9-10 This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance, that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe.
Hebrews 6:19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

2. REMEMBER YOUR _____!

1 Peter 1:4-5 ...and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

- You have an inheritance _____ for you!
2 Cor. 4:16-18 ...For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.
- No one can _____ your inheritance!
Matthew 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'
Ephes. 1:13-14

3. PROVIDE PROOF OF YOUR _____!

1 Peter 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. [7] These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

- There are _____ for your trials!
- Trials help prove my faith is _____!
- Genuine faith is more _____ than anything else!
1 John 5:4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.