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**1 Peter: Living Hope
Meet The Man Who Wrote The Letter**

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1 Peter 1:1-5 ¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- **Peter was not born a great apostle.**
- **Jesus chose Peter because God delights in transforming ordinary people.**
- **The Kingdom of God has never been built primarily by extraordinary people.**
- **It has always been built by ordinary people surrendered to an extraordinary God.**

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Acts 8:1-4 ¹ And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³ But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison. ⁴ Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.

- **Peter's message is not "escape, give up, or compromise." His message is "Hope."**
- **One of the greatest mistakes Christians make is confusing hope with optimism.**
- **Optimism says: "Maybe things will get better." Hope says: "God is faithful no matter what happens."**

- **Biblical hope is not wishful thinking. Biblical hope is confidence in the character of God.**

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- **The foundation of Peter's hope is the resurrection of Jesus.**
- **Christian hope is not built upon positive thinking. Christian hope is built upon a historical event.**
- **Why a "living hope?" Because this hope is connected to a living Savior.**

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Colossians 3:1-4 ¹*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.* ²*Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.* ³*For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.* ⁴*When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

Romans 8:18 *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

- **Peter constantly lifts the eyes of believers beyond the present moment.**
- **The Christian never evaluates life by today alone. We evaluate life through the lens of eternity.**

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- **This is critically important: Identity always precedes behavior.**
- **The enemy wants you to define yourself by your failures. Peter says: Remember whose you are.**
- **Peter is not writing to spectators. He is writing to disciples who are called to grow.**

- **The message of 1 Peter is not that life is easy.**
- **The message of Peter is this: Because Jesus Christ is alive, hope is alive.**