

Week #1

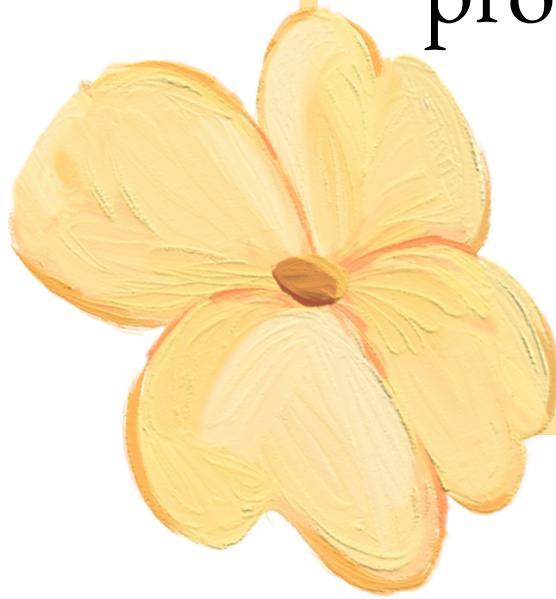


A LIVING HOPE!

Week One

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1st Peter 1:3b, 5a



In your daily reading and studying this precious book of 1 Peter, begin with worship and thanksgiving. Invite the Holy Spirit of Jesus to open your eyes to the riches of wisdom through the Word of God and believe for the transformation of your mind and life. Do not hurry. Take your time in reading and applying the principles of the Inductive Bible Study Help Sheet. We will study around twelve verse a week after our initial reading. Enjoy God’s love letter to you through His anointing of Peter. End your study in praise.



Memory Verse for the Semester!

1st Peter 1:3-5 NKJB

For further study on 1st Peter, find a Commentary/Dictionary on the history of 1st Peter. What insights do you gain from this?

In our time together we will be including accountability for the purpose of encouraging one another to apply and appropriate the truths of study to our everyday lives. (Use the Accountability sheet as a guide!)

The following are a few helpful suggestions to make this study so real and life transforming:

- A. Have a Notebook set apart for just the book of 1st Peter.
- B. Download the Strong's Concordance App on your phone (or purchase a copy of Strong's Concordance).
- C. Suggested and enjoyable translations for reading are NKJB, NASV, NLT. From these Bibles I will be studying and teaching.
- D. Be accountable with a prayer buddy to pray for the group and each other.
- E. Pray for your three most wanted! Pray for three people you love who do not know Jesus (yet 😊).
- F. Come prepared with your group to share what Jesus has shown you.

Day One:

- For our first week of study, we will focus on 1:1-12
- On the first day of this first week of Bible study ready the entire book of 1st Peter in one sitting. (Reading out loud will help to penetrate the truth of this book into your very soul. Jot truths that jump off the page. Meditate and give thanks.)
- What are the three persons involved in our redemption and what is their role of participation in God's plan? (verses 1-5)
- Peter's salutation is packed with theology and richness. What can you discover in these two verses.

Day Two:

What is your initial reaction to this beautiful book? Write it down in your notebook. Have you thought of a title? Give the reason for your choices! Read again 1:1-12. Take notes. Have you ever felt like you don't belong here in the world?



Day Three:

What a rich, packed section of truth. Read 1st Peter 1:1-12 again.

- To whom is Peter writing? Why are these people so special?
- In this translation you are reading, what does he call these people? Why?
- Who is the One responsible for their new title in life?

Day Four:

- Read verses 3-5
- How and why do we have a living hope?
- What else do we have waiting for us?
- What assurance is ours that we will be kept until “our salvation in the last time?”

Day Five:

- Peter’s opening paragraphs give us reason to rejoice. Can you give some reasons?
- How long must we be tried and tested?
- What is the one way our faith can become more valuable than gold?
- What is the result of this trying period?

Day Six:

- Read verses 1:1-12 over again! Focus on 1: 6-8; Read John 20:29; I John 3:4-6
- Can we live in intimacy with Jesus here on earth, in this world? Why? Why Not? How?
- Would I love Him, obey Him more if I “saw” Him?
- What are the three elements of victory and obtaining ‘the outcome of our faith? (v.6-9)
- What is the outcome of our faith?

Day Seven:

- What did the prophets of old search for? Who else is looking into the truths shared in 1st Peter?
- Who were they searching for?
- Was the study of prophets for themselves?
- We have a living hope! Describe it (v.3-5). Write these verses in your own words as to what they are saying to you.

REJOICE! For we are living today this hope Peter wrote about hundreds of years ago! The Word is the same, yesterday, today and forever. REJOICE!



Pray with your prayer buddy and obey what the Lord is speaking to you through His Word.

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Worship and spend some minutes in quiet praise. Go over your memory verse!

DAY 1:

- As we begin week two, read 1st Peter in a different translation from the one you used last week! Write down any specific differences in translations during your study.
- What are the recipients of 1 Peter named in the salutation of Peter? Is there a unique difference between definitions?
- Have you ever felt like an alien?
- Read John 20: 20
- Have you named 1st Peter?

DAY 2:

- We are focusing on 1st Peter 1: 13-25 this week.
- In view of last week’s understanding of trial and suffering, how does this help you in “girding up the loins of your mind” and be sober. Look in Strong’s concordance. Why would Peter use loins as a reference point in being sober?
- Read I John 3:1-3 Is John agreeing with Peter?

DAY 3:

- What are we to fix our hope upon? Can we do this and still participate in the old ways of living?
- Can we be made holy and live life as normal? Why or why not?
- Why must we be made holy?
- Hint: Read Ephesians 3 and 4. Is Paul writing the same challenge?

DAY 4:

- Read again 1 Peter 1: 13-25
- What stands out in these 12 verses? What does this have to do with suffering?
- Read John 20: 20
- (We will discuss some of these questions when we are all together!) Be ready to share!

DAY 5:

- We are saved by grace! (Ephesians 2:8) Paul also teaches us we are saved to participate in the works God planned for us from the beginning of time! How does this correlate with 1st Peter 1:17.
- What does Paul remind us about being here in the world?
- Verses 18-20 When did God decide Jesus would give His life for us? Read Revelation 13:8; John 10:17,18 These verses are staggering and reminds us of the seriousness of professing to belong to Him and yet not “living holy”

DAY 6:

- For what reason does Peter place the responsibility on you to purify your souls?
- How will we respond to the sacrifice of the Son?
- Give the expected participation of a heart and life in Jesus?
- What does Peter say about the Word of the LORD? Hint: Remember, Peter is writing to those who are just receiving His letter. They do not have the entire “written” Word?
- ...the word of the LORD endures forever! Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you! V. 25 What word is He referring to?

DAY 7:

- Look back over your readings and notes from last week and this week.
- What is the Holy Spirit of Jesus saying to you?
- What application and action do you need to make? Read I John 4:20,21
- Have you prayed with someone from your group this week?
- Pray for your 3 most wanted. How does your study of Peter help you to pray?



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DAY 1:

- Begin week three by reading 1st Peter in its entirety in one more translation. Are there any specific changes in wording? Do the differences change the meaning?
- Today Read 1 Peter 2: 1-12. What will cause us not to desire the Word?
- What is the benefit of reading the Word? Read Psalm 119: 11,12,67,76,116. How emphatically does the Psalmist depend on the Word? The Psalmist has only the O.T. writings. Peter has parts of the N.T. letters. We have the entire Word of God.
- Ask yourself, Am I as incessant about the Word as the writer of Psalm 119; do I depend on the Word as Peter?

DAY 2:

- Read Psalm 19! Is the Word of God my Craving, my Drive, My blueprint for living?
- In 1st Peter 2:1-12, What must we do to taste the graciousness of the Word?
- Using the different translations list the four specific truths of our purpose in Christ! Read and compare this with Exodus 19:5,6
- Once again, looking in your translations what is to be our response to God’s promises and His purpose for our lives? How have you responded to this incredible intention of God?

DAY 3:

- Does everyone have the privilege of knowing the four aspects of God’s “calling” for His chosen ones? 1 Timothy 2:3,4.
- Take time to give Him thanks. Are you living in God’s great design for your life? Write down in your notes what Jesus is saying to you.
- Are you sharing God’s wonderful intention with others.

DAY 4:

- Read 1 Peter 2: 9-12 . God's great intention includes a great responsibility and privilege as His chosen ones. Can you describe this? Let the Spirit of God minister His hope and power as you allow Him to search your hearts.

DAY 5:

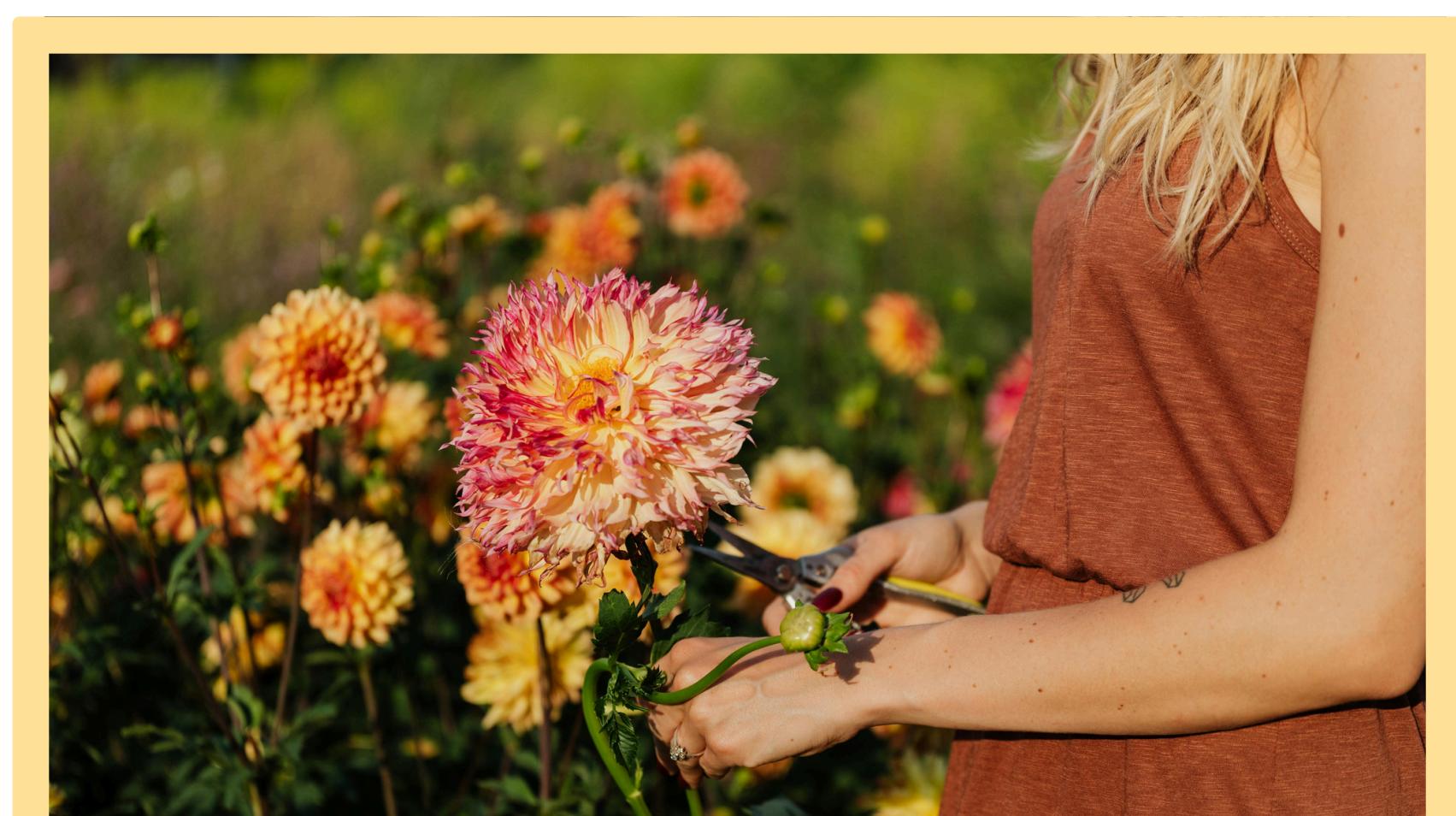
- Continue your study of verses 2:1-12. Are you aware that when we obtain mercy from God, we are obtaining, His loving kindness or often referred to as His unfailing love. How is God's mercy/unfailing love bestowed on us?

DAY 6:

- In verses 2:1-12 Peter pleads, "begs" us to put off the old ways of living, and to abstain from fleshly lusts that war against our souls twice in this passage.
- In 2:11, Peter reminds us again who we are. We must never forget.
- List the wonderful blessings of our "Belonging" to God? Read Ephesians 1.
- Can you list two reasons it is so crucial we are living true to Whom we belong and claim to possess? Read Ephesians 4:1-5:1; Ezekial 36:22-29.
- How are others brought to Jesus? Will they always recognize our deeds at this time?

DAY 7:

- Review your week of study. What would you say has made the most impact on your life so far?
- Review your memory Verses 1st Peter 1:3-5 NKJB
- Remember to pray with your prayer buddy.
- Pray for your 3 most wanted
- WORSHIP the Lord in the beauty of HIS Holiness. We can have the reality and assurance that we belong to Him, are chose by Him to live in joy and victory the God given and intended privilege to be Holy as He is holy in ALL our conduct.
- NOW THAT IS WONDERFUL GOOD NEWS!



Week #4



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DAY 1:

- We are at the halfway point in our study of 1st Peter. Take the time to read 1st Peter 1 & 2 in your favorite translation.
- Are you beginning to understand the crucial elements of your “calling.” How is your calling different from you being “Chosen.”
- This fourth week we will be focusing in on 1st Peter 2:13-23. I love this passage. In having studied 1st Peter 1:6-7, how do these verses of Chapter two give us courage to live our “living hope?”

DAY 2: In verses 13-25:

- What is the will of God for our lives?
- Have you been taught this in your walk in Christ?
- How are we to know freedom in Christ Jesus?

DAY 3: In verses 18-21

- These verses seem to go counter productive in the way the world lives. Why?
- Besides knowing the will of God, what is part of our irrevocable calling?
- Does this give some support as to why you are an ‘Alien’?

DAY 4: Take time for a detour. Read James 1

- How does James coincide with what Peter is telling us?
- Read II Timothy 1: 8-12; 2:3; 3:12
- Are these in agreement with Peter?

DAY 5: 1st Peter 2:18-25

- Are you in any situation causing you to suffer? If comfortable in doing so, write them in your notes.
- How do you need to live to experience suffering?
- Whose experience and example may we compare ourselves?
- Peter 2:23 is a vital verse to memorize when you are going through an unfair assessment.
- How and who should we imitate? (read Ephesian 5:1 for back+ up)
- List the secret for an overcoming solution to unfair treatment.

DAY 6

- Ladies, when can you use this key for perseverance?
- List incidents (if you care too) when you have submitted to authority, entrusting your self to Him who judges righteously?

DAY 7

- Rest in Jesus! Review your first two chapters.
- What stood out? What applications have you received?
- Have you obeyed His voice?
- What understanding have you gained for being called and chosen to be separate from the world?
- What glorious news! We have the greatest defender, rock, judge, protector and an absolute perfect intention from the Father from before the foundation of the world. Ephesians 1
- Praise Him.
- Read your notes, be prepared to share. Pray with your prayer buddy. Remember your 3 most wanted!

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DAY 1:

- In the next two sections of our 1st Peter Study we have the dearest & honest admonitions for living in unified relationships. Read in different translations 1st Peter 3: 1-12 Write down truth that stands out to you in your journal.
- Looking back at 2: 23, in 3: 1, we have a “likewise” wives!!! This is the most wonderful news! Who is our example when in hurt or confusion?
- Is Jesus really enough to give me peace?

DAY 2:

- What is the secret and my “success” in marriage when I might be at odds with my spouse? 2:23 & 3:1,2.
- How does Peter admonish women (from the 1st century of the church through the 21st century of the church) to conduct themselves in behavior?
- And in my dress? Write them down.

DAY 3:

- Note present day examples why these verses still qualify for todays’ women?
- What is very precious in the sight of God?
- How do we obtain such a spirit? Hint: Ezekial 36; Romans 2:29; Deut. 30:6
- Are you this kind of woman?

DAY 4:

- Husbands, 1st Peter 3: 7 is for you.
- Probably best not to show him at this point! But you can pray the verse.
- What are the admonitions Peter instruct husbands to live before their wives? Are these easier or harder than what the women have been instructed? Why or why not?
- Why does Peter call us the weaker vessel? 3:7

DAY 5:

- Read 3:1-7 again in three translations. Right down notable unique differences (if there are any).

DAY 6:

- Prayerfully read 3:8-12 in different translations. Take notes
- To whom is Peter addressing this passage?
- Within these verses Peters gives us another component of our calling? Write is down.
- What are the elements to inherit a blessing. List them.
- How would our marriages or/and our other relationships look like if we treated one another as part of the body of Christ first and foremost? Write down what Holy Spirit gives you for sharing.

DAY 7:

- Take the time to write a love note to Jesus. What has He shown you thus far in your study of Peter.
- Has it given you insight on how to pray for those around you?
- Never underestimate God's Word. Remember His promises in which Paul reminds us in II Corinthians "All God's promises are yes" in Christ Jesus.
- Worship Him! Give thanks!

Write your memory verse in your own paraphrase. What is it saying to you? Are you all His? Who is the power by which we can live such a describe life as in 1st Peter?

Remember to pray for your group.



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DAY 1:

- Read chapters 1-3 again in your ‘favorite’ translation. Take a bit of time to look over your notes. Have you missed any important truth or details necessary to allow 1st Peter to minister to you in your walk with Jesus? Hint: Remember to whom and why he is writing!

DAY 2:

- This week our focus will be 1st Peter 3: 13-22. Be careful! It might be one of your favorite nuggets of this book! How many times has Peter talked about the theme of suffering? What does He say is God’s promise to us if we suffer for a certain cause?

Name the cause and the promise!

DAY 3:

- 1st Peter 3:14b is an incredible verse of comfort during unfair suffering, and it ties in with 1st Peter 2:23. After reading this verse in your three translations write out the verse in your journal. What is Peter telling us? What part of our calling does it give power and hope?

DAY 4:

- Why is verse 3:15,16 so powerful? What are the two incredible truths of our “living hope” in these verses? Look back at 1st Peter 2:12! When will the truth and purpose of our suffering among unbelievers be recognized? Amazing hope!

DAY 5:

- Study closely 1st Peter 3:18 through 4:1-6. What stands out to you in 3:18,19? What two aspects/purposes of Christ’s personal suffering do we see here? Read 1st Peter 3:9 Incredible! What do we see here? Be sure to take notes. Any application for us in these two verses? In verses 20-22 what insight is given to us on baptism? Look into two translations? Where do we find Christ now and who are submit to Him, accepting His authority?

DAY 6:

- Read carefully 1st Peter 4: 1-6. In what manner has Christ’s suffering freed us with the assurance we may stay pure during suffering? (Read 1st Peter 2:11,12) Is 1st Peter 4:1 & 2 repeating this strong admonishment? Don’t you just love this teaching of Peter? Remember again: to whom and why he is addressing these dear ones. What is our time not to be spent in doing? List the ways of which sin is wasted time? As a new creation in Christ Jesus what is a component of our “living hope?” How will our new way of living be received by the world? To whom will they answer to? What is so incredible of 1st Peter 4: 6?

DAY 7:

- What should be our response to what we have just read and studied? HINT: Read Ephesians 3:14; 4:1-3. Take time today to worship Father & Son. Give thanks for the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit! What is the Holy Spirit saying to you in this weeks study? Is there any application and action you need to take?

Pray with your prayer buddy and your three most wanted. God is in the business of calling, choosing and recreating lives!



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DAY 1:

- Read the entire chapter 4. What is Peter emphasizing in this passage? Write down your observations. These verses are as meaty as his salutation. What do you “hear” in Peter? Look back at 1st Peter 1:6; 3: 13ff. Will “Living” our hope on earth be easy?

Take notes and be ready to share.

DAY 2:

- Read 4: 7-11! Peter is instructing his readers that what is nearby? Remember when this was written, is God still going to keep His promise? What are the two components for living with our focus fully on the hope that is to come? (1st Peter 1:13) What is the expedient necessity nature to possess? How will it affect our living? Write it out!

DAY 3:

- Read 4: 7-11 What is the overflow of God’s amazing Grace in our lives and what is the purpose? From where does the strength and ability come to achieve such great demonstration of grace? Write down your understanding of this passage. To whom receives the glory and for how long? Worship with a grateful heart!

DAY 4:

- Read chapter 4 once again in another of your translations. Are there any outstanding differences that perhaps makes this passage even more powerful? Write them down. Study carefully 1st Peter 4: 12-16. Remember 1:3 Are you beginning to see the heart throb of Peter? Why are we not to be surprised at fiery trials? Are you surprised at the trials that come your way? These verses share another aspect of our “Living Hope.” What should our response be?

DAY 5:

- Peter is repeating himself once again in verse 14. What tremendous blessing is ours for suffering in doing right? What four characteristics should not bring suffering upon us? What great admonishment does he give in 1st Peter 4:16?
- Peter gives us a serious warning on 4: 17,18. Can you write down his teaching? Take time to allow the Spirit to speak. How will you respond?

DAY 6:

- Read 1st Peter 2: 23,24. Peter is basically reminding us again on 4:19. In what ways does this bring comfort and assurance as we suffer from doing good?

DAY 7:

- Peter is closing out the major part of his teaching. Can you review and write down all that you have gleaned for the privilege of having a “Living Hope” while being an “alien, sojourner, pilgrim” passing through the world? How does this enrich your prayer life with Jesus? How does this book teach you to live with a Living Hope?



Worship Him.

Pray for your 3 most wanted; pray they will know Christ so genuinely that they too may have a “Living Hope.”

Lift up the members of this group to Jesus.



Bonus Week



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DAY 1:

- We have come to the final week of our study of 1st Peter. Read the entire book one more time. Take notes and give thanks. Get ready to obey what the Spirit says.

DAY 2:

- Focus your study this week on 1st Peter 5. What would you title this chapter and why?
- Who is he chiefly address in this chapter?
- Peter says he is a fellow elder, a witness and partaker of what?

DAY 3:

- Study 5:1-4. How should a shepherd of an appointed flock care for his sheep?
- What are the components of shepherding?
- What will their reward entail?
- Do you have a flock to shepherd? What kind of shepherd are you?

DAY 4:

- Look at 1st Peter 5:5 Who is to be submissive? Describe submission. Why is this important in God's eyes?
- 1st Peter 5:6 is worth memorizing. Write it out in your journal and place your name where appropriate.

DAY 5:

- Study 5: 8-11. In Peter's final teaching he shares again how we should live with our "Living Hope!" These are Peter's last days before he faces eternity. I love these verses.
- What is another word for sober? Why is this so vital for victorious living? Who is after us?

DAY 6:

- Who is the devil and what is he like? What is his wandering purpose?
- Who else warned us about this creature? Read John 10:10, Luke 22:31
- How does Peter say we are to handle this devil?
- What is a dynamic reality of our "Living Hope?" Read I John 3:8
- Are you the only alien suffering? 1st Peter 5:9
- What is the closing privilege of our calling? Write it out! 1st Peter 5:10
- Who is represented in this verse? He is what? In whom? Through whom? Look again at 1st Peter 1:2. So beautiful.

DAY 7:

- Review Chapter 5. What are Peter's closing remarks? What a letter, what an apostle,
- What a LIVING HOPE we have been given. Take time to write out the components and challenges of our living hope you have gleaned from your study of 1st Peter.
- Place your name in our memory verses and REJOICE! Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten _____ again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you _____ who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time

Though now you, _____ do not see Him, yet believing, you _____ rejoices with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith-the salvation of your _____ soul(s). 1st Peter 1:8b

