

1 Peter 1:1-12

One Point: Choose Joy

1. If you could be any of the x-men who would it be?
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Read v. 1-5

1. How would you define hope?
 2. What does it mean to be “given a new birth?” V. 3 // Why do we need it?
 3. Does being a Christian keep us from experiencing suffering? // Why not? 1 Peter 4:1-2, 2 Corinthians 1:4-5
 4. How does our faith activate God’s protection over us? V. 5
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Read v. 6-9

1. Why does God allow Christians to suffer? V. 7 James 1:2-4
 2. What does a “genuine” Christian look like? V. 8 - Jeremiah 17:7
 3. If ultimately, salvation is the goal of our faith, how do we know we have it? Rom 10:9-10
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Read v. 10-12

1. Why are the Old Testament prophecies so important to Christians?
 2. How does persecution increase faith in God?
 3. What steps can you take to really find joy when you are suffering?
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What I will be talking about

We don't face trials like the Nigerian Christians do. So what does that have to do with us? Peter tells us that when things get tough, maybe you fail out of school, maybe you can't get a job, maybe someone in your family has developed cancer, maybe you've been raped and you don't know what to do, maybe you can't get past your past and it affects your daily life, whatever you are struggling with today Peter is telling us to choose joy. All we have is hope in God knowing that He promises us that He will never leave us or forsake us. Our faith is the guarantee of our inheritance, which is eternal life, and is shielded by God's power. We can **choose joy** knowing that God is with us.