

1 PETER 5:10-14

Held Fast By God In The Storms

PRESS ON WITH THE PROMISE OF CARE AND SUPPORT (5:10)

- As we have learned, we should not be surprised by suffering, but neither should we be surprised by the presence and power of God with us in our suffering.
- “*suffered for a little while*” - a promise of God’s use of affliction and suffering in each occurrence
- Each step in life, no matter how trying and difficult, is designed by God for our good.
 - Romans 8:28
- It is important to anticipate and look for God’s goodness shaping the lives of His people.
- “God of all grace,” - our master and our God pours out His gospel kindness to undeserving people
- We will be with our God forever, not because of works done by us, but because of His mercy from beginning to end.

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“will himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish you.”

- The promise of God’s gracious provision in the lives of His people is something He committed to perform for our good and His glory (*“...will himself...”*).
 - Hebrews 13:20–21
- *“restore”* – make sufficient, mend, restore
 - God is able to renew and refresh our lives when they are damaged and worn from affliction and persecution.
 - Psalm 23
 - God’s presence brings healing and restoration.

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- “*confirm*” – make more firm, establish in place
- There are times we need God to renew our resolve.
- “*strengthen*” - make more able
 - When our strength fails, it is good to know our Lord is there.
 - Our strength is Jesus.
 - Matthew 11:28–30
- “*establish*” – lay a foundation, be firm
 - Life and hardship can rob us of certainty and security.
 - God promises to provide stability to our feet.
 - Proverbs 3:5–6
 - Proverbs 16:9

GOD IS RELIABLE NOW AND WILL BE RELIABLE FOREVER (5:11)

- The Lord uses suffering in the lives of His people.
- Peter wants his brothers and sisters in Christ to join him in surrendering to the purposes of God with praise!

ENDURANCE IS POSSIBLE BY THE GRACE OF GOD (5:12)

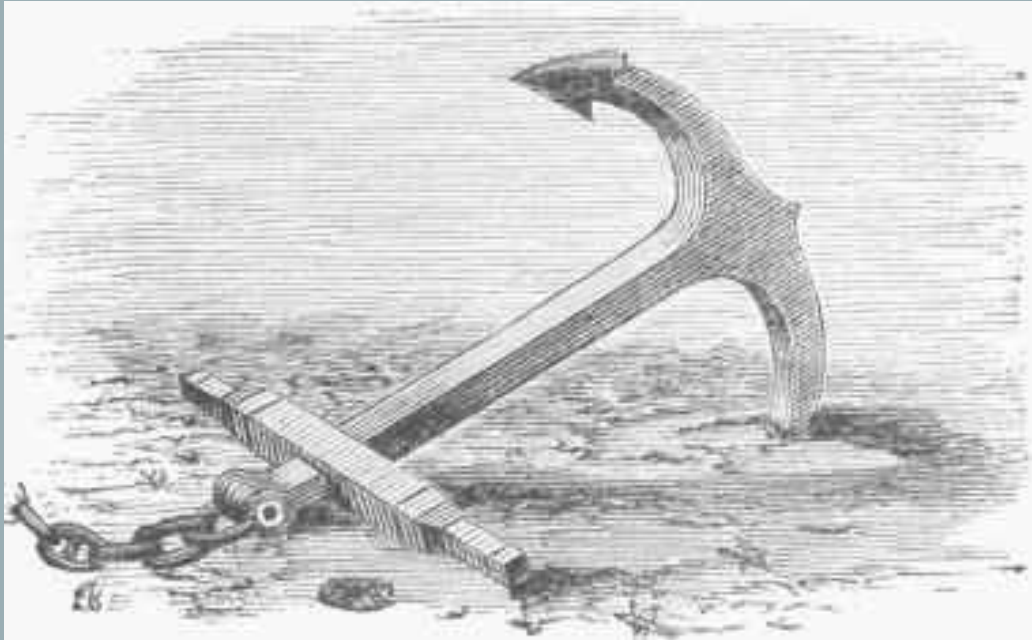
- The statement indicates that the letter will be delivered to the churches by Silvanus.
- Peter writes by inspiration of God and encourages these followers of Jesus to read it, trust it's truths and walk in obedience.
- "...*this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.*"
 - His sheep hear His and they follow Him.
 - John 10:26–30

LOVING GREETINGS ARE TO BE EXCHANGED (5:13-14)

- “*She who is at Babylon*” is a reference to a sister congregation who knows and cares about these church Peter is writing.
- “*Greet one another with the kiss of love.*” – holy affection is to be practiced among the members of the body of Christ.
- “*Peace to all of you who are in Christ.*” – The battle rages on, but the peace of Christ is truly with His people.
 - John 16:33

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Are you resting in the promise that every step of suffering and affliction is guided by God's good purposes for you?
- In what ways do you see yourself standing in the unmerited favor of God?
- Are you committed to persevere with praise?
- How will the truths of this letter help you to stand in the favor of God in the future?



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