

Title: **Persevering as Faithful Exiles (1 Peter Summary/Overview)**
Text: **Assorted Verses from 1 Peter**
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Big Idea

In the midst of difficulties and persecution, remember who you are in Christ and persevere accordingly in faith, together in community, and as witnesses of God's glory!

1. Remember W____ You A____ & W____ You H____

- Remember Who You Are: Your I_____ in Christ
 - You are God's Children, B_____ by Him (1:14, 2:10, 4:12)
 - You are R_____, Forgiven and Recipients of God's Mercy (1:18-19, 2:10)
 - You are God's C_____ People, a Royal P_____ (2:9-10)
 - You are E_____ & Sojourners (1:1, 2:11)
- Remember What You Have: Your I_____ in Christ
 - Your S_____ (1:5-6, 9, 13)
 - The E_____, Eternity & God's Judgment (1:3; 4:7, 5, 17)
 - God's Glory & Your F_____ Glory (4:11b, 16; 5:4, 6, 10-11)

2. L_____ Accordingly: Live Out W_____ You Are

- God's commands (law) show us our s_____ and our n_____ for Christ and show us how to l_____ as God's people, growing in Christ-likeness.

- In Faith: Persevere in H_____ & T_____ in God (cf. 5:8-9, 4:12, 4:16; 1:13, 4:13; 1:17, 4:19, 5:6-7)
- In Community: Live H_____ & Love S_____ (cf. 3:8, 5:3, 5; 1:22, 2:17, 3:8, 4:8-10)
 - Show H_____ (4:9)
 - S_____ One Another (4:10-11)
- On Mission: L_____ as a W_____ of Christ (cf. 2:9, 4:15-16)
 - Do G_____ (3:9, 4:19)
 - Live H_____ (2:12, 17; 3:15)



Reflection Questions

- How do you view yourself? Who are you? What are the things you tend to find your identity from? Why do you forget or find your identity in other things besides Christ? Have you truly placed your faith and identity in Christ?
- In what ways are you living life only in the here and now with no regard to eternity? How does keeping in mind eternity shape how you live today?
- How do you understand God's commands in light of the gospel?
- How are you living and growing in each of these areas: faith, community, and mission? What are some specific areas of growth or next steps you can take in one of these areas?
- Parent Corner:** How are you raising up your child to know and place their identity in Christ? In what ways is it easy to even place your identity as a parent in your child (vs. in Christ)? What are some ways you and your child can grow in love and service in the church community? How are you equipping your child to live on mission in this world?

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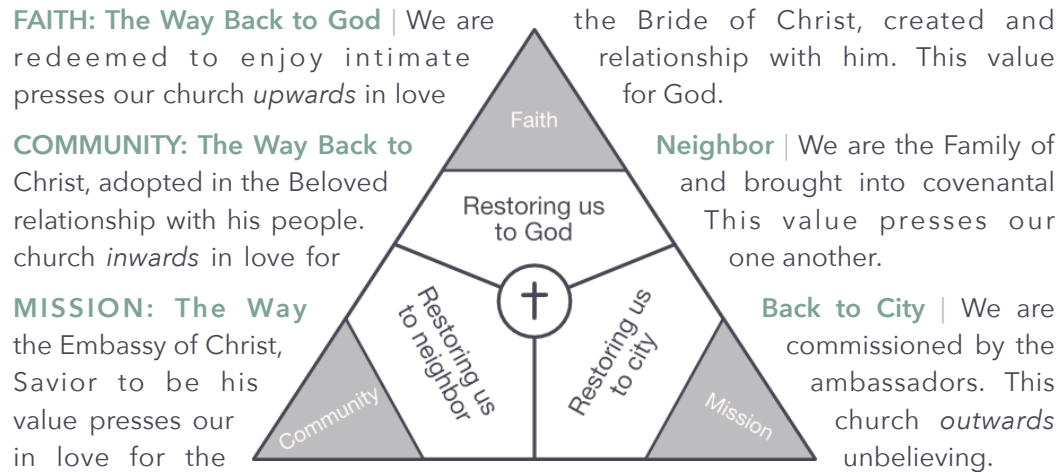


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Announcement Spotlight

Women's Service Project

Ladies of Mercy Hill are invited to join together in serving Megan and the children's ministry team through a special service project on Sunday, August 16th and Sunday, August 23rd from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the children's ministry area. A light sandwich lunch will be provided.

Our time together will include reorganizing cupboards, labeling supplies, light cleaning as needed, creating an inventory of current materials, and compiling a list of needed items. This will be a wonderful opportunity to serve, fellowship, and bless the children's ministry through practical help.

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