

### THE BELIEVER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY Navigating a World that is No Longer Our Home HIGHLIGHT OR MAKE A NOTE AROUND YOUR FAVORITE VERSES.

## PETER

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Praise to God for a Living Hope

- 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,
- 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.
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- 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
- 10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you

- 13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.
- 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.
- 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;
- 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."
- 17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.
- 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,
- without blemish or defect.
- but was revealed in these last times for your sake.
- him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

- The Living Stone and a Chosen People 4 As you come to him, the living Stone-rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to
- 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- 6 For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame"
- 7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,\*
- 8 and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble also what they were destined for

18 Sloves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh,

16 Live as thee people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for exit, live as Cod's place 17 Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor

are conscious of God.

- 19 For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because the
- 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.
- 21 To this you were called because Christ suffered for you leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps
- found in his mouth."

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#### 1 Peter 1:3-5

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#### 1 Peter 1:6

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## Upper Story

## Lower Story

## Luke 16:19-31

Rich Man

Glory

Lazarus

Struggle

## Upper Story Glory

## Lower Story Struggle

Lasting Inheritance
Coming Salvation
Living Hope

## Lower Story Struggle

#### 1 Peter 1:7

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## Trials are opportunities not obstacles.

## Trials are temporary not forever.

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## Trials are purposeful not random.

## Trials are painful not imaginary.

## Trials are multi-faceted not one-dimensional.

### 1 Peter 1:8-9

Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Trials build our faith, expand our capacity for joy, and remind us that this world is no longer our home.

## 2 Corinthians 4-6

## 2 Corinthians 6:10

"Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing."

## 2 Corinthians 5:7

"For we live by faith, not by sight."

"Lord, though I don't have all the answers, I know that I have YOU. I believe that you are never closer than when I am suffering."

# "Lord, although I can't always trace your hand—I will trust your heart."

"Lord, I cannot experience all the good that you have for me until lembrace this trial. Father, I believe please help my unbelief."

# "Jesus...I'm not just going to pray. I'm going to pray believing prayers."

# "You are the God who creates beauty out of ashes."

# "God, I don't know what to do, but my eyes are on you."

2 Chronicles 20:12

