

LIVING IN

# HOSTILE TERRITORY

BY THE GRACE OF GOD



Lesson 1 • 1 Peter 1:1, 2



# Survival Guide for Hostile Territory

1. Make a new start after spiritual failure.

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2. Remember God's care in trials.

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# 1 PETER: True Grace for Fiery Trials

**Key verse: 5:12**, *I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!*

**Key words:**

Jesus Christ,  
God, Holy,  
Suffering,  
Grace,  
Glory,  
Love,  
Faith,  
Hope

**Standing Firm In The  
Midst of Suffering**

*Strangers - scattered*

*Stand firm!*

*Salvation:*

*Sanctification:*

*Submission:*

*Suffering:*

1:1-2	1:3-12	1:13-2:12	2:13-3:12	3:13-5:11	5:12-14
Peter, an apostle, to God's elect	<b>Our Destiny</b> Living hope Secure inheritance Glorious joy Future glory	<b>Our Duty</b> Be holy like our Father Love from the heart Grow in the Word Restrain the flesh	<b>Our Duty</b> To the state To masters/employers To wives and husbands To the body of Christ	<b>Our Discipline</b> For the right reason With the right attitude With praise not shame Will result in eternal glory	Purpose: to exhort and testify
	Gave us new birth and a living hope	Redeemed us with His precious blood	<b>Jesus Christ:</b> Bore our sins, set the example of suffering	Rose from the dead and now is exalted in heaven	
	Grief in all kinds of trials prove our faith	Holy living leads to false accusations	<b>Suffering:</b> Unjust/for doing good Called to it for Christ	Painful for a little while, but God will make you strong	

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Peter to Jewish and Gentile Christians of the Diaspora, from "Babylon"

# Sometimes It Hurts

Lesson 2 • 1 Peter 1:3–12

## SUMMARY:

The people Peter wrote to were displaced believers who were being singed by the flames of persecution. Their circumstances were the bleakest imaginable. Yet Peter didn't try to pump them up with positive thinking. Instead, he gently touched his hand to their chins and lifted their faces skyward — so they could see beyond their circumstances to their celestial calling.