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God's Promise for the Future

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According to (God's) great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope." 1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)

God, being rich in mercy...even when we were dead...made us alive. Ephesians 2:4, 5 (ESV)

"I am the resurrection & the life. Whoever believes in Me though he die, yet shall he live." -Jesus, John 11:25 (ESV)

This living hope in Jesus leads me to an inheritance that will never fade.

"According to (God's) great mercy, He has caused us to be born again...to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled & unfading." 1 Peter 1:4 (ESV)

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth & rust destroy & where thieves break in & steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys & where thieves do not break in & steal." -Jesus, Matthew 6:19, 20 (ESV)

"by God's power (its) being guarded through faith." 1 Peter 1:5 (ESV)

"In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials." 1 Peter 1:6 (ESV)

Trials come by God's design.

"Do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you." - 1 Peter 4:12 (ESV)

"You have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith...may be found to result in praise, glory & honor." 1 Peter 1:7 (ESV)



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I will see Jesus.

"I know that my Redeemer lives, & at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, & my eyes shall behold, & not another." Job 19:26, 27 (ESV)

"Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him & rejoice with joy that is inexpressible & filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." 1 Peter 1:8, 9 (ESV)

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

When you were young what dreams did you have about the future? Did they come true?

Read Matthew 6:19, 20. How would you describe the hope you have for the future? It is a dying hope or a living hope?

God promises those who trust in Him that they will have a future guarded by Him. In what ways does He do that? (see 1 Peter 1:3-5)

In the message notes there is a list of reasons for how God uses trials in someone's life. How has your faith been strengthened during or after a trial?

The ultimate goal of faith is salvation. Take time now to reflect on your faith journey, giving God praise for His mercy, forgiveness & our living hope in Him.

Pray for each other!

*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at len@marinerscc.org