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³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:3–9

FAITH IN JESUS' RESURRECTION ASSURES US OF HOPE (v. 3–5)

Our hope is anchored in the past: Jesus rose! Our hope remains in the present: Jesus lives! Our hope is completed in the future: Jesus is coming!

Edmund Clowney, *The Message of 1 Peter*, 46

Faith is not our achievement but trust in God's achievement.

Edmund Clowney, *The Message of 1 Peter*, 50

- What have you placed your faith in?

TRIALS PROVE THE GENUINENESS OF OUR FAITH (v. 6–7)

- Trials should not destroy faith; trials should strengthen faith.

I have learned to kiss the wave that throws me against the Rock of Ages.

Charles Spurgeon

- How is your faith being strengthened?

PERSEVERING FAITH LEADS TO LASTING SALVATION (v. 8–9)

- Without denying the pain of the present trial, Peter affirms what matters most—the future salvation of our souls
- BUT the outcome of our faith cannot be salvation unless we persevere in our faith
- In this present trial, don't stop believing—Jesus is our hope for today and tomorrow

- Will your faith persevere until the end?

CONCLUSION

- What have you placed your faith in?
- How is your faith being strengthened?
- Will your faith persevere until the end?