



STANDING STRONG
BEING YOUR BEST WHEN LIFE IS AT ITS WORST
(A STUDY OF 1 AND 2 PETER)

#1: STANDING STRONG THROUGH TROUBLE—1 PETER 1:1-12

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Hope. It is something as important to us as water is to a fish, as vital as electricity is to a light bulb, as essential as air is to a jumbo jet. Hope is that basic to life.

Chuck Swindoll

Human beings can live for forty days without food, four days without water, and four minutes without air. But we cannot live for four seconds without hope.

Andy Crouch,

“But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you.
Psalm 39:7 (NIV)

but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

I. BACKGROUND OF 1 PETER

- 1. Author: The Apostle Peter**
- 2. Recipients: Christians facing difficult times**
- 3. Date: AD 64-68**
- 4. Purpose: Encourage believers not to give up**

II. HOW TO STAND STRONG THROUGH TROUBLE – 1 PETER 1:1-12

1. Remember who I am (v.1-2)

2. Recognize that I am a citizen of an eternal Kingdom (v.3-5)

3. Realize that God is using my trouble for good (v.6-9)

Continually looking forward to the eternal world is not...a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do....If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were those who thought most of the next. The Apostles themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the slave trade, all left their mark on the earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this.

C.S. Lewis

4. Rejoice in my salvation (v.10-12)