STANDING STRONG

BEING YOUR BEST WHEN LIFE IS AT ITS WORST

(A STUDY OF 1 AND 2 PETER)

#9: STANDING STRONG THROUGH TRANSFORMATION—2 PETER 1:1-11

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I. I SERVE A GOD WHO IS IN THE LIFE-CHANGING BUSINESS

1. He is the God of "new things"

Look, I will make new heavens and a new earth, and people will not remember the past or think about those things. My people will be happy forever...

Isaiah 65:17-18a (NCV)

2. He is the God who gives me the power to change

If anyone belongs to Christ, there is a new creation. The old things have gone; everything is made new!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NCV)

I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13 (NCV)

II. FOUR KEYS TO POSITIVE CHANGE- 2 PETER 1:1-11

'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.

Zechariah 4:6 (NIV)

1. God's peace (v.1-2)

PIERCE MY EAR* by Steve Croft

Pierce my ear oh Lord my God Take me to your door this day I will serve no other god Lord I'm here to stay.

For you have paid the price for me. With your blood you've ransomed me. I will serve you eternally. A free man I'll never be.

So pierce my heart, oh Lamb of God Like you did at Calvary Love so great you died for me Your servant I'll always be

Pierce my ear oh Lord my God. Take me to your door this day. I will serve no other God. Lord I'm here to stay. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

2. God's power (v.3)

3. God's promises (v.4)

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

Isaiah 41:25 (NIV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

4. God's provision (v.5-11)

My part:

- Effort
- Perspective
- Confidence

But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

1 Corinthians 3:13-15 (NLT)

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