



# PETER

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Daily Devotions and Small Group Discussion Questions | Week One

## **This Week's Memory Verse**

..to keep in your pocket, memorize, and hide in your heart:

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue,  
and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control,  
and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness,  
and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

- 2 Peter 1:5-7

### Scripture Reading

2 Peter 1:1-4; 2 Corinthians 4

### Devotional Reading

Hope is a powerful device.

Take a minute to recall your favorite story. From Joseph in the pit to Rocky in the ring, the most powerful stories in our lives often detail hope against all odds until the challenges overcome. Hope resonates in our nature; it is a central element of humanity.

The book of 2 Peter begins with a fundamental assertion regarding our hope – that the knowledge of God multiplies our grace and peace and grants to us all things that pertain to life and godliness. Read those verses again.

Just like our favorite stories, our own lives are often filled with challenges. Yet we have the only Hope who knows our struggles and has already overcome, and our intimate knowledge of him has given us grace, peace, and life, whether in the midst of challenge or standing in victory.

The Apostle Paul discusses our hope in suffering, too, even claiming that our temporal challenges are preparing us for our ultimate victory! In 2 Corinthians he writes, “For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”

The hope of the Gospel through the knowledge of the God who calls us to glory stands through trials as our confidence for this life and the next so that we may escape the corruption of the world.

### Faith In Action

Think deeply about the “knowledge of God.” What does it look like to know God? Where do you need to exercise the hope that comes from this knowledge?

### Today’s Prayer

God, we thank you that you have made yourself known to us. Give us the confidence to trust you with our hope and confidence, even in the midst of trials. Reveal your Gospel to us anew every day.