

I AM CHOSEN.
I AM KNOWN.
I AM BEING MADE WHOLE..
I AM REDEEMED.
I AM HELD BY A

LIVING HOPE

EMBRACING OUR IDENTITY IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD



a Lenten
journey in
1 Peter 1-2

Welcome

We are so glad you've decided to engage in this Lenten journey with us. Lent is not about striving to become someone new, but about slowing down long enough to remember who we already are.

In a world that often feels fragmented, hurried, and unsettled, the letter of 1 Peter offers a steady and hopeful voice. Peter invites us into a life that is not driven by pressure or performance but fueled by identity—reminding us that we are chosen by God, formed by the Spirit, and learning how to live faithfully as people who don't always feel at home in the world around us.

This weekly devotional is designed to be a simple companion through the season, creating space to listen, reflect, and pray honestly. Our hope is that as you move through these weeks, you will experience a deeper sense of belonging in Christ and being gently shaped by His Presence in you.



Week 1 | February 8-14

To Whom Do You Belong?

Read 1 Peter 1:1-2 slowly and prayerfully.

What word, phrase, or truth is the Holy Spirit highlighting for you in this passage?

Devotional Reflection.

Peter begins his letter in a deeply pastoral way. Before offering any instruction, he declares to us our true identity. We are chosen by God for a purpose. We are not forgotten, overlooked, or drifting aimlessly. We are chosen...and yet we are also exiles, living in a world that often feels out of step with the way of Jesus.

Most of us live with that tension every day. We follow Christ, but we don't always feel at home in the world around us. Peter doesn't rush to fix that feeling. He names it as normal. This season of Lent invites us to slow down and remember who we are and whose we are—chosen by the Father, formed by the Spirit, and cleansed by Jesus.

Reflection and Response.

Where do you feel most “out of place” in your life right now?

Take a moment to ask Jesus: *What do You want to say to me in this place?*
Write down what you sense Jesus saying.

Practice: Identity Declaration

Take a moment to declare out loud this identity statement from the passage:

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I am being made whole
through the work of the Holy Spirit.
I am washed by the blood of Jesus,
and I am free to live in obedience to Him.*



Week 2 | February 15-21

A Hope That Transforms

Read 1 Peter 1:3-9 slowly and prayerfully.

What word, phrase, or truth is the Holy Spirit highlighting for you in this passage?

Devotional Reflection.

Peter describes hope not as wishful thinking or optimism, but as something living—active, resilient, and grounded in the resurrection of Jesus. This matters because so much of what we call hope is fragile. It depends on outcomes, health, stability, or circumstances lining up the right way. When those things shift, hope often collapses with them.

But resurrection hope is different. It is anchored not in what is happening to us, but in what God has already done. Peter does not deny suffering; he names it honestly. Grief, hardship, and trials are part of the landscape of faith. Yet they are not the final word. Instead of destroying faith, suffering can clarify it—revealing where our trust truly rests.

Lent invites us to take an honest look at what we are hoping in. Resurrection hope does not promise an easy path, but it does promise a future that cannot be undone. Even when circumstances feel uncertain, hope in Christ remains alive.

Reflection and Response.

Where does hope feel most fragile in your life right now?

Ask: Jesus, what do You want me to know about this fragile place?

Welcome Him into that place to be with you in it.

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*I am held by a living hope
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February 18

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a forty-day season that leads us toward Easter. It is a day to slow down and tell the truth about our lives—that we are finite, dependent, and in need of grace. The ashes offered at the evening service are not a symbol of shame, but a reminder that while our lives are fragile, God’s word and God’s work endure.

Lent also invites us into the practice of fasting. Fasting is not about punishment or proving spiritual seriousness. It is about creating space. By setting something aside, we become more aware of our habits, our hunger, and what quietly shapes our inner life.

What might you consider giving up?

Some people fast from food or drink (e.g. desserts, snacks, pop, alcohol). Others fast from things that consume attention or offer false comfort (e.g. social media, constant news, unnecessary spending, television). A helpful question is: *What tends to distract me from paying attention to God or to my own heart?*

Traditionally, Sundays are not counted as part of the forty days of Lent because every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection. Even in a season of fasting, the church pauses weekly to remember that grace and joy are at the center of the Christian story.

Reflection and Response.

Read 1 Peter 1:24–25 slowly and prayerfully.

What word, phrase, or thought is the Holy Spirit highlighting for you in this passage?

What specific thing is God inviting you to give up during this Lenten season, in order to focus your heart more fully on Christ's suffering?



Week 3 | February 22-28

Formed From the Inside Out

Read 1 Peter 1:13-16 slowly and prayerfully.

What is the Holy Spirit highlighting for you in this passage?

Devotional Reflection.

Much of what shapes us does its work quietly and slowly. Habits, assumptions, unexamined patterns, and unresolved wounds form us long before we notice their influence. Peter invites believers to pay attention not only to outward behavior but to the inner world where formation truly happens.

Lent creates space for this kind of attention. When we slow down, we begin to notice what disrupts our wholeness—patterns that fragment us, distractions that pull us away from God, or fears we've learned to live with rather than bring into the light. Peter's call to holiness is not a call to perfection, but to integrity: a life becoming aligned with God's character from the inside out.

God's work of formation is gentle but persistent. He does not shame us for what is unfinished. Instead, He invites us to bring honestly before Him the places where wholeness feels blocked, and trust Him to do the work we cannot do on our own.

Reflection and Response.

Where are you struggling to walk in wholeness?

Ask: Jesus, what do you want me to know about this area?

Jesus, what do you want me to do in response?

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Week 4 | March 1-7

The Ransomed Life

Read 1 Peter 1:17-21 slowly and prayerfully.

What is the Holy Spirit highlighting for you in this passage?

Devotional Reflection.

We live in a world that constantly measures worth—by productivity, success, approval, or usefulness. Over time, those messages shape how we see ourselves. Peter interrupts that narrative by pointing us back to the cross. Our value has already been established, not by what we achieve, but by what Christ was willing to give.

Redemption came at a great cost. Not with something temporary or disposable, but with the precious blood of Jesus. This truth reshapes how we live. When our worth is secure, we are freed from striving, comparison, and fear. Gratitude begins to replace anxiety, and reverence replaces pressure.

Lent invites us to remember that we are not self-made or self-sustaining. We belong to God because He has claimed us at great cost. Living as ransomed people means allowing that truth to shape our choices, our posture, and our sense of identity.

Reflection and Response.

Where do you look to find your worth and value?

Ask: Jesus, what do You say about my worth and value?

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Week 5 | March 8-14

Born Again to Love

Read 1 Peter 1:22-2:3 slowly and prayerfully.

What is the Holy Spirit highlighting for you in this passage?

Devotional Reflection.

Peter connects spiritual growth to two deeply relational realities: how we love and what we long for. New life in Christ is not only about belief—it reshapes desire. Over time, what we hunger for reveals what is forming us.

Many of us consume things that promise satisfaction but leave us empty—approval, distraction, control, or comfort. Lent helps us notice those patterns without condemnation. God’s invitation is not simply to stop wanting the wrong things, but to learn to hunger for what truly gives life.

Sincere love flows from this kind of formation. When our desires are reshaped by God, our relationships are too. Loving honestly becomes possible not because we try harder, but because God is changing what we want.

Reflection and Response.

Where is God inviting you to love more honestly?

Take a moment to ask Jesus to help you with this.

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Week 6 | March 15-21

Our Cornerstone

Read 1 Peter 2:4-8 slowly and prayerfully.

What is the Holy Spirit highlighting for you in this passage?

Devotional Reflection.

Peter describes Jesus as the cornerstone—the foundational stone that determines the stability of the entire structure. This image invites us to ask a simple but searching question: what are we building our lives on?

When life feels steady, foundations are easy to ignore. But when uncertainty, loss, or disruption comes, what we rely on becomes clear. Approval, achievement, certainty, or control can feel solid for a time, but they cannot ultimately hold us.

Lent invites us to return to Christ as the one foundation that will not fail. Building on Jesus does not remove hardship, but it gives us something secure beneath our feet. Over time, God is forming a life that can withstand pressure—not because we are strong, but because the foundation is.

Reflection and Response.

What do you rely on for stability when life feels uncertain?

Ask: Jesus, what do You want me to know about this?

Jesus, what do You want me to do in response?

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My life is being built on Christ, the cornerstone that will not fail.*



Week 7 | March 22-28

Our Identity Together

Read 1 Peter 2:9-12 slowly and prayerfully.

What is the Holy Spirit highlighting for you in this passage?

Devotional Reflection.

Faith is never meant to be lived in isolation. In this passage, Peter reminds believers that God is forming not just individuals, but a people. We have a shared identity. Look again at each of the phrases Peter uses to describe our shared identity, pausing for a moment to reflect on each one: a chosen people, a royal priesthood, God's special possession, the people of God.

Wow. That's amazing!

And notice the purpose to which God has called us: to together declare His praises in our dark and scattered world. We as God's people have the privilege of worshipping Him together and in doing so bringing the light of His kingdom into our world.

Reflection and Response.

How fully do you experience faith as a shared journey? How much does your journey rely on and involve other brothers and sisters in your church family?

Ask: Jesus, in what specific way can I more fully embrace being part of a community that belongs to You?

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*I have been included in God's own family, a royal priesthood.
Together, we are being formed into a people who declare God's praise.*



Week 8 | March 29–April 4

Palm Sunday: Between Expectation & Fulfillment

Read 1 Peter 1:10-12 slowly and prayerfully.

What is the Holy Spirit highlighting for you in this passage?

Devotional Reflection.

Palm Sunday is filled with movement and emotion. Crowds gather. Branches are waved. Hopes rise. It is a moment charged with expectation—but also misunderstanding. The people welcome Jesus as King, yet few grasp the kind of King He is or the road He is about to walk.

Peter helps us name this moment with surprising clarity. He reminds us that God's saving work has always unfolded this way. Even the prophets spoke words they did not fully understand. They sensed that suffering would come before glory, but they could not see how or when it would all come together. Faith, from the beginning, has involved longing before clarity and trust before resolution.

Palm Sunday sits squarely in that space. The crowd is not insincere; their praise is real. But their vision is partial. They celebrate deliverance without yet accepting the cost. Jesus, however, knows exactly where the road leads. He receives their praise and continues forward—toward suffering, trusting the Father with what lies ahead.

Lent teaches us not to rush past this tension. Many of us know what it is like to hope without fully understanding, to trust God without seeing the whole picture. Palm Sunday reminds us that this posture is not a failure of faith—it is often the very place where faith begins. God is at work even when our expectations are incomplete, and His purposes move forward even through partial understanding.

Reflection and Response.

Where are you longing for clarity or resolution that has not yet come?

What might it look like to trust God in this in-between space?

Ask Jesus to meet you in this in-between space.

Speak this declaration out loud each day this week.

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My life is being built on Christ, the cornerstone that will not fail.

I have been included in God's own family, a royal priesthood.

Together, we are being formed into a people who declare God's praise.

I am part of a story that God is unfolding over time.

My suffering is not the end of the story; glory will come in God's time.



Week 9 | April 5-9

Easter: A Resurrection Hope

Read 1 Peter 1:3-5, 18-21 slowly and prayerfully.

What is the Holy Spirit highlighting for you in this passage?

Devotional Reflection.

Easter morning changes everything. The resurrection of Jesus declares that suffering, loss, and even death do not have the final word. What God has promised is secure—guarded not by our strength, but by His power. Peter describes an inheritance that cannot perish, spoil, or fade, reminding believers that their future is not fragile.

Throughout Lent, we have named exile, formation, obedience, community, and cost. Easter does not erase those realities—it reframes them. Because Jesus is alive, suffering is not meaningless and faith is not misplaced. Hope is not thin optimism about the present, but deep confidence in the future God has secured.

The resurrection invites us to lift our eyes beyond what is unfinished or unresolved. God is still at work, wholeness is coming, and our identity is held securely in Christ. Easter sends us back into the world as people shaped by resurrection hope—grounded in the present but anchored in a future that will not fade.

Reflection and Response.

How does the resurrection reshape your view of the future?

What specific impact of the resurrection is Jesus inviting you to embrace more fully today?

Ask Jesus to help you walk in the fullness of His resurrection.

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I am part of a story that God is unfolding over time.

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Because Jesus is risen, my future is secure, and my hope will not fade.