



# Wow! Hope Is Still Alive

1 Peter 1:3-12

How do you find joy in the middle of hardship & suffering?

- I. Joy In Suffering?
  - A. It's Possible in the middle of trial & hardship to have a heart that rejoices greatly!
  - B. It's Possible in the middle of trial & hardship to be filled with an inexpressible & glorious joy!
  
- II. God is worthy of our praise
  - A. God worthy because of who He is (God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ)
  - B. God is worthy because of what He has done (Given us new birth, shields us)
  
- III. Our new birth
  - A. A display of great mercy
  - B. Born into living hope (based on the resurrection)
  - C. Born into a heavenly inheritance

Question: How does the knowledge & hope of my future inheritance change the way I think about & experience my present hardship?

Answer: God uses the trials as a part of His plan to prove our faith & bring about greater praise, glory, and honor as a part of our living hope

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What stood out to you from today's message?
2. What did you learn about the Lord from the Scripture that was shared?
  
3. On a scale of 1 to 10 how happy & satisfied with life are you? (1 = "living nightmare" 10 = "living the dream")
4. What negative factors or circumstances are you dealing with that makes your number lower than what you'd like it to be?

As followers of Jesus we are called to share one another's burdens. Please take time to hear each other out, pray for each other, and encourage one another with the truth of God's word.

5. How might God be speaking to you or moving in you to be an encouragement to others?

## FOR FURTHER THOUGHT AND REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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1. Read & meditate upon James 1:2-12.
2. Read & meditate upon some other passages on endurance & hope during trials & tribulations - [https://www.openbible.info/topics/trials\\_and\\_tribulations](https://www.openbible.info/topics/trials_and_tribulations)
3. Watch the Phil Whickam Video – Living Hope - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-1fwZtKJSM>
4. Read 2 Peter 1:2-4 – Make a list of some of the precious promises (vs. 4) that you need to rely upon for hope right now.