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AN UNSHAKABLE HOPE
HOPE IS ALIVE IN JESUS | 1 PETER 1:3–9
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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. – 1 Peter 1:3–9

Is God really with me?

Is God still in control?

Is this ever going to change?

Why would God allow this?

How am I supposed to keep going?

Live in the hope of Christ, not in your circumstances.

Live with great expectation.

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All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, – 1 Peter 1:3 (NLT)

God gives us a living hope.

Live as God's promised and preserved people.

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•It is imperishable.

•It is undefiled.

•It is unfading.

who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

– 1 Peter 1:5

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Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

– John 14:1–3

Live knowing the valley lasts for just a little while.

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Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. – Psalm 23:4

The valley does not mean God has left you. The valley is where God is strengthening you for what comes next.

Live like Jesus is coming soon.

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