

Lives Being Restored
“Securing The Foundation” – 1 Peter 1:3-5
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FFC Vision Statement:

*“Restoring people to the Father’s heart
Growing disciples and leaders in Christ’s likeness
Reaching nations in the Spirit’s power.”*

FOCUS: “Restoring” Power of Christ

Theme Verses: 1 Pet. 2:4-5

Review: You are so valuable to God that He wants to restore you to His Original Design (blueprint).

- *Secure Relationship with God*
- *Significant Purpose as His child.*

Today’s Big Idea: *The trials of life help us build the Foundation of our faith on Christ, not on opinion, religion, or emotion.*

Question: *How would we face trials if we were convinced that in Christ we are invaluable to God, secure in our relationship, and significant in His purposes?*

* Hurricanes can destroy what’s visible but usually not foundations.

1 Cor. 3:11-13 *For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

Matthew 21:42 (Ps. 188:22) *Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?*

Text: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Opposition to their faith was a visible reality.
Opposition to our faith in America is more subtle.

Damage Assessment: Storms of life can cause damage to our “spiritual house”. We must make sure the *foundation is secure*.

1. Trials & suffering can result in over-powering negative emotions.
2. Negative emotions can result in obsessive negative thoughts.
3. Negative thoughts can result in spiritual doubts. *“Cracks in our Foundation”*
4. Negative emotions, thoughts and spiritual doubts can result in isolation from faith relationships. *Foundation blocks are mortared TOGETHER for a reason.*

Danger: We have an enemy of our soul! Be alert, stand firm in faith, resist him. 1 Peter 5:8-11

Truth (Blueprint) About Suffering: 1 Peter 1:3-9

We are being RESTORED!

1. All suffering originated from Satan’s opposition, and man’s disobedience. Gen. 3; Rom. 5
2. All suffering is temporary.
 - a. Ultimately Jesus comes back for His Church. 1:3-5, 5:10; Rev. 7,
3. Jesus entered into human suffering, took our penalty for sin, and secured our restoration to the Father. 1:18-19
 - a. *He has birthed in us “living hope”* 1:3
4. All suffering NOW can bring about Christ-formed character & glory to Jesus. 1:6-7
 - a. *Miracle: inexpressible joy!* 1:8-9
5. All suffering can be offered to Christ as a “spiritual sacrifice” (2:5) to declare His praises. (2:9)

“Measuring Tape” – Holy Spirit examination and revelation. How secure is my “faith foundation”? What steps do I need to take?

