



NEW TESTAMENT • GENERAL LETTERS

1 Peter

Living hope in a difficult world.

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The big picture

Addressing believers living as outsiders, 1 Peter grounds hope in Jesus' resurrection. Their identity is shaped by God's mercy rather than public acceptance. The letter encourages holiness, mutual love, honorable conduct, and gentle witness under pressure. Its instructions must never be used to excuse abuse or silence those seeking safety. Christ's suffering and victory sustain a community learning to do good without returning evil.

Words to carry

“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.”

1 Peter 5:7 · KJV

Live it

01 Answer disagreement with gentleness and clear boundaries.

02 Bring a specific worry to God and a trusted person.

03 Offer practical support to someone who feels like an outsider.

Pause & reflect

How can hope shape my response when I feel misunderstood?

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