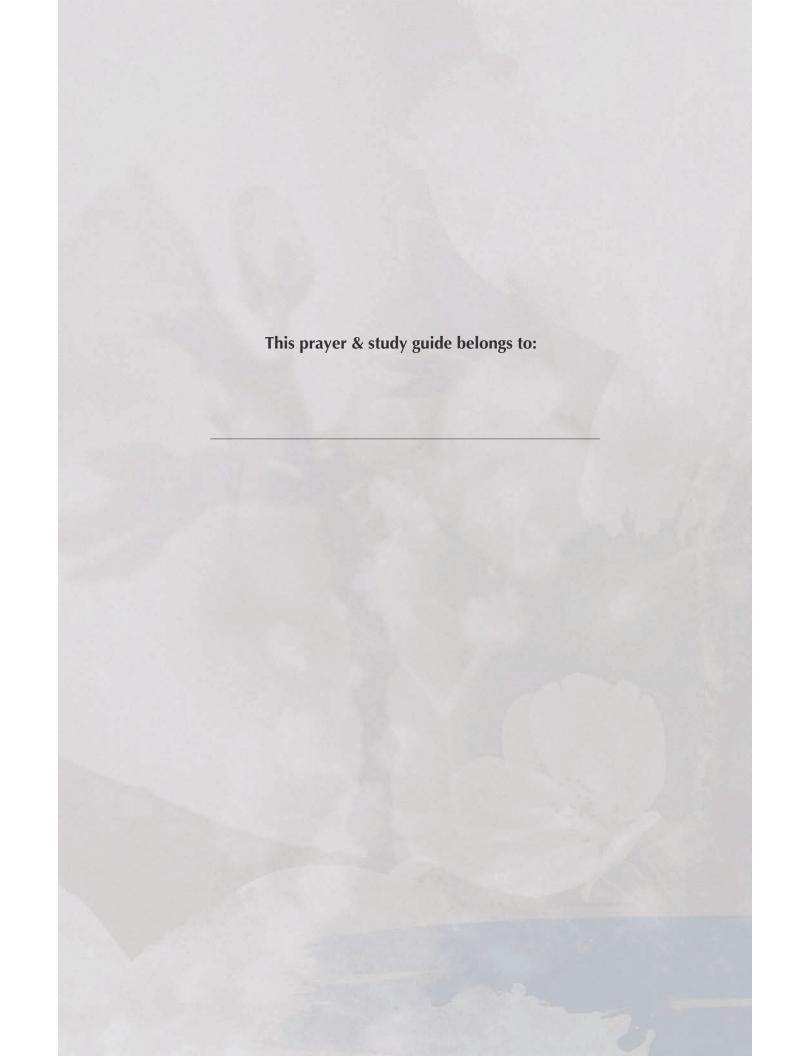
1 PETER

21 DAY PRAYER & STUDY GUIDE

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;"



HOW TO S.O.A.P.

S - Scripture

Open your Bible to your reading for the day. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

O - Observation

What struck you and caught your attention in what you read? What do you think God is saying to you in this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Paraphrase and write this scripture down in your own words.

A - Application

Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, a new promise, or correction for a particular area of your life. Write how this scripture can apply to you today.

P - Prayer

This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this scripture, or even a prayer for a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

About:

Everyone needs grace to overcome life's hurdles. First Peter is the book of strengthening grace and triumphant hope. There is an abundance of hopeful grace found within the verses of this book to set you free. You are a victorious overcomer, and God's grace is our fuel to empower our hearts to soar!

From:

The book of 1 Peter was written by the apostle Peter. He was one of Jesus' disciples during His earthly ministry, and was raised up to be the leader of the apostles once Jesus ascended to Heaven.

To:

The recipients of 1 Peter are identified in 1:1. Peter wrote to the "exiles dispersed abroad in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia." These were Roman provinces located in the northern part of what is now modern Turkey. Written about AD 62 from "Babylon" (a cryptic term for Rome), Peter longed to encourage and strengthen the faith of those who were being persecuted for following Christ. Most of these Christians had once lived in Rome, but were forced to "disperse" into the suburbs due to escalating persecution. This hostility came to a head when Emperor Nero ordered Rome set ablaze and blamed it on the Christians. This backdrop of intensely violent, and oftentimes deadly, persecution and alienation sets the scene for the major themes in the letter.

WEEK 1

1 PETER 1:9 (TPT)

For you are reaping the harvest of your faith - the full salvation promised you - your souls' victory!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 03

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MONDAY, JANUARY 04

Time:	Today's Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-2
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O - Observation	
A - Application	
P - Prayer	

TUESDAY, JANUARY 05

Time:	Today's Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9
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A - Application	
P - Prayer	

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 06

Time: Today's Scripture: 1 Peter 1:10-16 S - Scripture O - Observation A - Application P - Prayer

THURSDAY, JANUARY 07

Time: Today's Scripture: 1 Peter 1:17-21 S - Scripture O - Observation A - Application P - Prayer

FRIDAY, JANUARY 08

Time:	Today's Scripture: 1 Peter 1:22-25
S - Scripture	
O - Observation	
A - Application	
P - Prayer	

SATURDAY, JANUARY 09

Time:

Dawn is Coming

Choose today to rest and reflect. The image of a night sky before the sunrise speaks of the tension between present darkness and future hope. As Christians, we live in the "already, but not yet"; the space between; the darkness before the dawn.

In this space, it is so easy for us to lose hope, and the Christians Peter wrote this letter to knew that feeling front to back. Their houses were burned, their friends were being killed, and their reputation was all but disintegrated. Knowing this, Peter didn't try to rally them with 'three ways to keep your chin up.' Instead, he reminded them of their inheritance (1:4). He reminded them that, like fire tested the purity of gold, their faith was being tested and purified in the fires of difficulty.

No matter what you're up against today, whether raging fire or deepest darkness, remember that Jesus died to secure for you the sunrise of salvation. Eyes up, dawn is coming.

WEEK 2

1 PETER 2:10 (TPT))

For at one time you were not God's people, but now you are. At one time you knew nothing of God's mercy, because you hadn't received it yet, but now you are drenched with it.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

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MONDAY, JANUARY 11

Time: Today's Scripture: 1 Peter 2:1-3 S - Scripture O - Observation A - Application P - Prayer

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

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A - Application	
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

Time: Today's Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9-10 S - Scripture O - Observation A - Application P - Prayer

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

P - Prayer

Time: Today's Scripture: 1 Peter 2:11-20 S - Scripture O - Observation A - Application

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

Time: Today's Scripture: 1 Peter 2:21-25 S - Scripture O - Observation A - Application P - Prayer

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

Time:

Royal Priesthood

Choose today to rest and reflect. In the Old Testament, royalty and priests had tremendous responsibility and corresponding authority. Priests had access to God in a way no one else did they were the intermediaries between God and his people. When Peter uses the term royal priesthood (2:9), he s reminding his readers that they not only have responsibility, but also access. Through Jesus, they became priests, and entered an intimate relationship with God that previously had only been reserved for a select few. And as royalty, they were to carry that intimacy with authority into the world.

In the same way, you ve been given authority and access. As you remind your soul that this world is not your home (2:11), and you gather together with Gods people to form the spiritual house (2:5), you can rise up into your identity and live out your calling to share his love and grace with those around you.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are God's chosen treasure priests who are kings, a spiritual nation set apart as God's devoted ones. He called you out of darkness to experience his marvelous light, and now he claims you as his very own. He did this so that you would broadcast his glorious wonders throughout the world.

WEEK 3

1 PETER 3:8 (TPT)

Now, this is the goal: to live in harmony with one another and demonstrate affectionate love, sympathy, and kindness toward other believers. Let humility describe who you are as you dearly love one another.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

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MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Time: Today's Scripture: 1 Peter 3:1-7 S - Scripture O - Observation A - Application P - Prayer

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

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P - Prayer	

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20

Time: Today's Scripture: 1 Peter 3:10-12 S - Scripture O - Observation A - Application P - Prayer

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Time: Today's Scripture: 1 Peter 3:18-22 S - Scripture O - Observation A - Application P - Prayer

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Time:

Struggle Well

Choose today to rest and reflect. Suffering is a non-negotiable when living life on planet earth. The only question is, what will it look like? Suffering can take many different forms, but no matter the fight, there is a strength available to the Christian that allows us to struggle well.

Here, Peter is addressing people who know what it suffer: they were means to going through incomprehensible grief. In the midst of that struggling, Peter calls them to be fearless and be ready to explain to anyone why they still hold on to hope (3:15). He was reminding them that regardless of their unimaginable pain, the truth of Christ was enough to let a glimmer of hope shine in their eyes. They were able to look at the challenges in their lives and, as they grew in love for God, maintain perspective. This may look different for you. It may not be religious persecution, but relational oppression, or financial despondency, or anxiety or depression. Regardless of the struggle, the answer is the same. Our fight must be met with the goodness of God and our dependence on Him. That is how we struggle well in this life.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

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JANUARY 25 -JANUARY 31

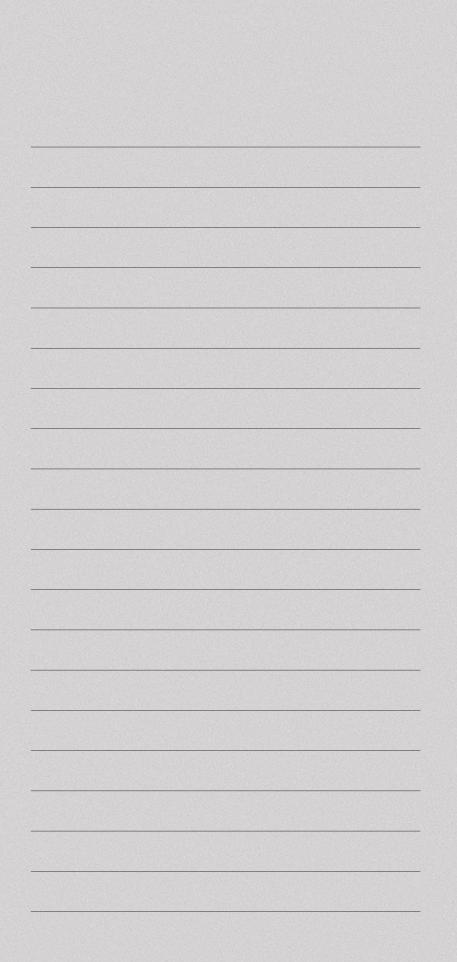
Time:

Even though the 21 days are over...keep going. This week read 1 Peter 4 and continue to SOAP.

Monday - 1 Peter 4:1-6 Tuesday - 1 Peter 4:7-11 Wednesday - 1 Peter 4:12-13 Thursday - 1 Peter 4:14-16 Friday - 1 Peter 4:17-19 Saturday - rest and reflect

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

Sermon Title	Scripture



FEBRUARY 01 - FEBRUARY 06

Time:

Finish your personal study...you've got a holy habit now. This week read 1 Peter 5 and continue to SOAP.

Monday - 1 Peter 5:1-4 Tuesday - 1 Peter 5:5 Wednesday - 1 Peter 5:6-7 Thursday - 1 Peter 5:8-11 Friday - 1 Peter 5:12-14 Saturday - rest and reflect

LOOK AT YOU, YOU MADE IT!

We hope that this journey through the book of 1 Peter has encouraged your heart and put steel in your spine like it has ours.

Let these strong rhythms of spending time in God's word with this journal launch you into your future time spent with Jesus. We pray and believe that God will continue to strengthen you and deepen your relationship with Him, and that you will continue to appreciate and keep Jesus front and center. Beautiful and better days are ahead for you as you dig deeper, quiet your heart, and let God lead you in the rhythms of your healthy soul!

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