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LIVING LIKE
EXILES

1 PETER 1:1a

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

1 PETER 1:1b

...To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia...

“Believers are exiles, not because they are displaced from their homeland. Many people in the Greco-Roman world no longer lived in their place of origin. Believers are exiles because they suffer for their faith in a world that finds their faith off-putting and strange.”

THOMAS R. SCHREINER

“The New American Commentary”

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**HOPE THAT GOES
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1 PETER 1:3-4a

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1 PETER 1:4b-5

⁴ ...This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

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Hope when we're vulnerable...

Hope when we're hurting...

1 PETER 1:6

6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

“You must never confuse faith that you will prevail in the end—which you can never afford to lose—with the discipline to confront the most brutal facts of your current reality, whatever they might be.”

THE STOCKDALE PARADOX

1 PETER 1:7

7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.



**GOING THE DISTANCE
WITH HOPE**



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1 PETER 1:8-9

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 PETER 1:12b

12Even angels long to look into these things.

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