



WEEK 1

COURAGE IN THE CRISIS

FIVE COMMON REACTIONS TO CRISIS & UNCERTAINTY:

- Difficulty _____
- Obsessive _____
- _____
- Lack of _____
- _____ about the future

FIVE PRINCIPLES FROM FIRST PETER

- Written during persecution 1,940 years ago
- Constant threat of violence
- Emperor Nero killing, torturing Christians
- Christians blacklisted from employment
- 15 times Peter refers to suffering
- Uses 8 different Greek words for suffering

“Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.” 1 Peter 3:14 (See Isaiah 8:12)

“So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while...” 1 Peter 1:6 NLT

1. Steady _____

“Therefore be clear-**minded** and self-controlled...” 1 Peter 4:7

“Prepare your **minds** for action; be self-controlled.” 1 Peter 1:13

2. Stay _____

“...be clear-minded and self-controlled **so that you can pray.**” 1 Peter 4:7

“**Cast all your anxiety on him**, because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7

3. Stick _____

“Above all, **love each other deeply**, because love covers over a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8

“**Continue** to do good...” 1 Peter 4:19

4. Share _____

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you for the reason for the **hope** that you have, but do this with gentleness and respect...”
1 Peter 3:15

5. See THE BIG PICTURE

• Remember what is _____

“All men are like grass, and **all their glory is like the flowers of the field**; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever.”
1 Peter 1:24,25

• Remember what is _____

“And we have a **priceless inheritance**—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, **beyond the reach of change and decay.**”
1 Peter 1: 4 NLT

“Set your hope **fully** on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed...” 1 Peter 1:13

• Remember my _____

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness...” 1 Peter 2:9

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Look back over the message notes and verses from this past weekend's message. Which points were particularly helpful for you?
2. Choose one of the five points to focus on. How will you put it into practice?
3. One of last weekend's points was to stick together and help others. How can you reassure others that you are with them in their difficulty this week?

GOING DEEPER: Read 1 Peter 1 in a modern translation that is newer to you. Find different translations at biblegateway.com. Remember, this epistle was written when Christians were in serious physical and economic danger. What verses or themes strike you? How do they help deal with our current crisis?

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