



# 1 Peter 1:4-12

## Still Standing - Feb 15, 2026

### Message Recap

Everything changes when you already know the final score. When you know how it ends, the middle cannot undo you.

Peter writes to believers who are scattered, pressured, misunderstood, and marginalized. Before giving commands, he gives perspective. The cross was not the end. The tomb is empty. Christ is risen. Salvation is secured. Jesus is returning. Heaven is coming. We win.

Because of that reality, Peter reminds us that our future is secure, our struggles have purpose, and our salvation is breathtaking. Future certainty produces present stability. When you know how the story ends, you interpret the middle differently.

### Icebreaker / Personal Reflection

- **Icebreaker:**

When was the last time you were genuinely scared or surprised?

- **Reflection:**

What part of the message resonated with you the most?

### Discussion Questions

- Peter says we are “being guarded by God’s power.” What does that phrase communicate about God’s role in your life right now?
- Trials are described as refining faith like fire refines gold. Where have you seen struggle strengthen rather than sink your faith?
- Peter says the prophets searched intently for what we now experience. How does that elevate your view of salvation? Why do we sometimes treat grace as ordinary?
- When pressure builds in several areas at once, how does that affect your faith or outlook?
- Where might God be refining you in this current season?

## For Additional Study

### **1 Peter 1:4–6 (NIV)**

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you... though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

- What does it mean that your inheritance is “kept” and guarded by God?
- How does knowing suffering is temporary affect the way you endure it?

### **1 Peter 1:7–9 (NIV)**

These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith... may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

- How does viewing struggle as refinement change the way you respond to pressure?
- What would it look like to trust that your faith is being strengthened, not shaken?