



1 Peter 1:1-4

Still Standing - Feb 8, 2026

Message Recap

Peter understood our humanity. He was rugged, passionate, driven, and determined, but also familiar with failure. And still, God redeemed Peter's passion and used him to strengthen others. In 1 Peter, Peter writes to believers who are scattered and quietly suffering. Instead of starting with behavior, he begins with identity. When identity is clear, endurance becomes possible.

Peter reminds us that we can feel scattered and still be chosen, shaken and still secure. Our circumstances do not cancel our inheritance, and our future is not left unguarded. Living hope is not the absence of trouble, it is the presence of an unshakeable promise rooted in Jesus.

Icebreaker / Personal Reflection

- **Icebreaker:**

If you could attend one final live event - a concert, game, or experience - what would it be?

- **Reflection:**

What part of the message resonated with you the most?

Discussion Questions

- **Peter was passionate, driven, and imperfect. How do you see parts of Peter's story reflected in your own life or faith journey?**
- **Pastor Byron said discomfort does not always mean you are off track, it may mean you are positioned. How does that challenge the way we usually interpret hardship?**
- **These verses emphasize identity before obedience. How does misunderstanding that order affect the way people relate to God?**
- **Peter says our inheritance cannot perish, spoil, or fade. What are some ways we allow temporary circumstances to shape our hope more than eternal promises?**
- **Faith is described as trusting who is holding you, not holding on tighter. What are some areas in your life you're currently trying to control that may need to be surrendered to God?**

For Additional Study

1 Peter 1:1–2 (NIV)

To God's elect, exiles scattered... chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...

- What does it mean to be “chosen” even when life feels unstable or out of place?
- How does seeing yourself as positioned by God—not abandoned—change your perspective?

1 Peter 1:3–5 (NIV)

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope...

- How is living hope different from optimism or positive thinking?
- What does it mean to trust that God is guarding what you cannot control?