

A sunset scene with a large, bright sun partially obscured by a dark, semi-transparent horizontal band. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. Below the band, there is a body of water reflecting the sunset colors, surrounded by silhouetted trees and hills.

RENEW. REBUILD. REKINDLE.

1 Pet. 1:6

“Rekindling a Lively Hope”

1 Pet. 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

Review

Our theme this year is...

RENEW. REBUILD. REKINDLE.

During the last few weeks we have been considering...

“Rekindling a Lively Hope”

We have been observing what the Bible says in *First Peter*. We began with “WE HAVE AN EXPECTANT HOPE.”

I. WE HAVE AN EXPECTANT HOPE

A. We Have an Expectant Hope of a Triumphant

B. We Have an Expectant Hope of a Triumphant Entrance into Glory, 1:4

II. WE HAVE AN EXPERIENTIAL FAITH, 1:5-7

A. It Sees Beyond the Temporal Side of Life, 1:5

1.As to the Present, 1:5a

2.As to the Prospect, 1:5b

❖ Because of God and His blessings, believers have a “lively hope” due to AN EXPERIENTIAL FAITH.

❖ Believers are “...kept by the power of God through faith...”

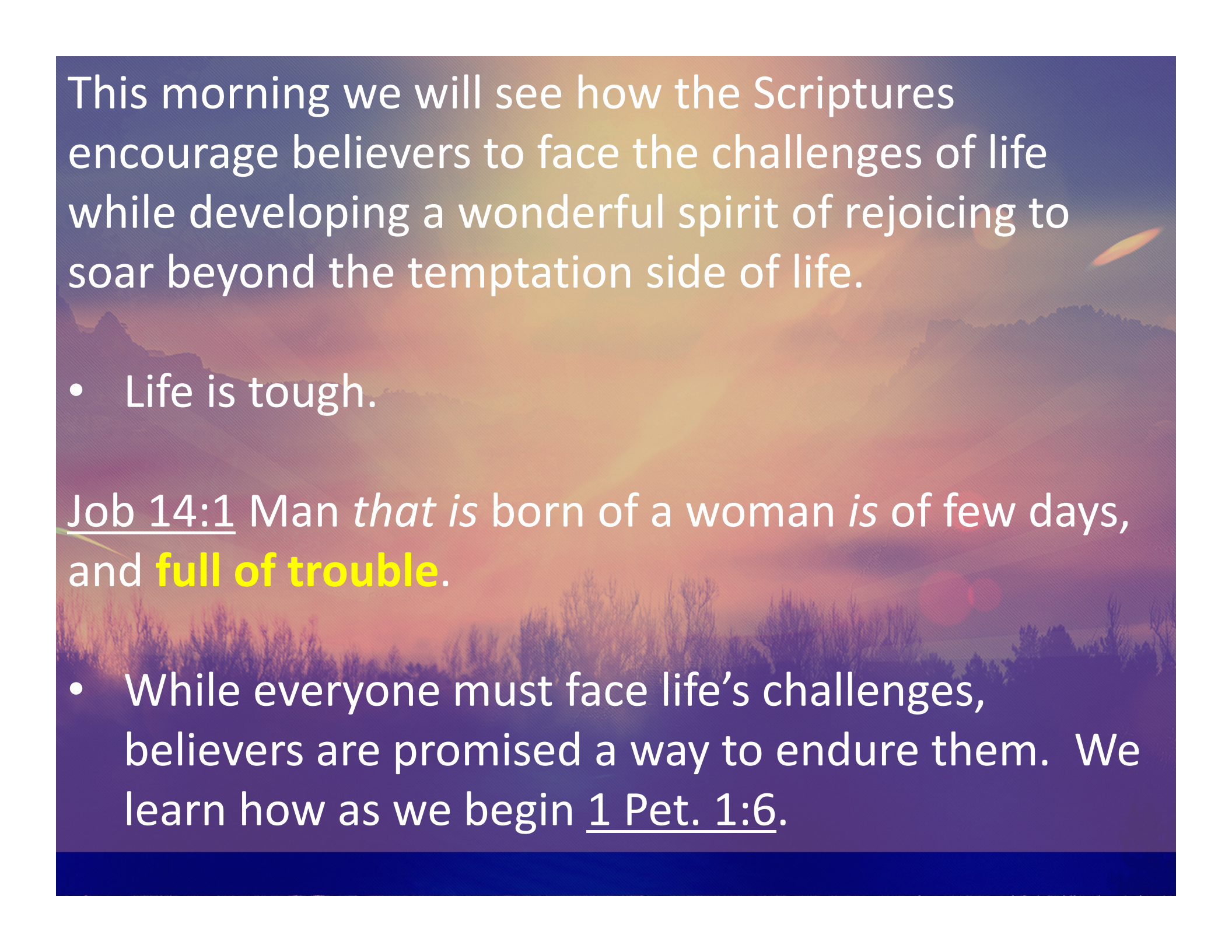
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20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead?** ...

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead** also.

Gal. 5:6 "...but **faith which worketh by love.**"

❖ Faith will carry a believer through the trials and temptations of life.



This morning we will see how the Scriptures encourage believers to face the challenges of life while developing a wonderful spirit of rejoicing to soar beyond the temptation side of life.

- Life is tough.

Job 14:1 Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and **full of trouble**.

- While everyone must face life's challenges, believers are promised a way to endure them. We learn how as we begin 1 Pet. 1:6.

B. It Soars Beyond the Temptation Side for Life, 1:6

1 Pet. 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

1. Happy Beyond Present Circumstances, 1:6a
“Wherein ye greatly rejoice...”

- The “Wherein” refers to the “last time” in verse five.
- When the promised future for a believer is understood, it can promote an exceeding joy for the present.

1 Pet. 1:8 Whom having not seen, **ye love**; in whom, **though now ye see him not, yet believing**, ye **rejoice** with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

- Such happiness is far beyond being mildly pleased – it is a celebratory joy that soars above the challenges of life!

Original Word: ἀγαλλιάω

Transliteration: agalliaó

Definition: to exult, rejoice greatly, to be full of joy.

Properly, getting so *glad one jumps* in celebration; to *exult (boast)* because so *experientially joyful*.

- The “Wherein” – “the last time” – includes the revelation of the glory of Christ.

1 Pet. 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, **when his glory shall be revealed**, ye may be glad also with **exceeding joy**.

- The “last time” includes the “marriage of the Lamb:”

Rev. 19:7 Let us be glad and **rejoice**, and give honour to him: **for the marriage of the Lamb is come**, and his wife hath made herself ready.

- Perhaps the Apostle Peter remembered how the Lord Jesus faced the agony of the cross in the garden the night before His arrest, yet focused upon love and joy.

Jn. 17:13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, **that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.** ...

23 I in them, and thou in me, **that they may be made perfect in one;** and that **the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.**

2. Harassed By Present Circumstances, 1:6b

“...though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:”

- While focusing upon the future generates joy for the believers, it also is an encouragement to be happy though harassed.
- Believers can rejoice in the “lively hope” of a wonderful future, but... “...though now for a season...” they must face the challenges of the present.
- Compared to eternity, present challenges are just speed bumps to slow us down a little bit.

2 Cor. 4:17 For our light affliction, **which is but for a moment**, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;

- Challenges may be God's tools to strengthen believers – "...if need be..." – to work "...for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;"
- "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."
- The Lord uses trials and temptation for refining processes:

Prov. 17:3 The **fining pot is for silver**, and **the furnace for gold**: but **the LORD trieth the hearts**.

1 Chron. 29:17 I know also, **my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness**. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

- Life challenges are tools for spiritual growth:

Rom. 5:3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

- This passage designates such challenges as being such that “...ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:”

Original Word: λυπέω

Transliteration: lypeó

Definition: to distress, to grieve

Usage: I pain, grieve, vex.

υπέο (from *λύπε*, "deep grief") – **to experience deep, emotional pain (sadness), i.e. severe sorrow (grief)**. (*λυπέο*) is very intense and hence even used of *the pain of childbirth*

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3076.htm>

- Life has challenges that are classified as producing “heaviness” from a variety of sources – “...manifold temptations:”

Original Word: πειρασμός

Transliteration: peirasmos

Definition: an experiment, a trial, temptation

Usage: (a) trial, probation, testing, being tried, (b) temptation, (c) calamity, affliction.

The positive sense ("test") and negative sense ("temptation") are functions of the context (not merely the words themselves).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3986.htm>

Summary

- Trials and temptations WILL plague the believers.
- In the midst of dealing with life's challenges, God has provided a way to have joy in spite of the hardships.

2 Pet. 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of **temptations**, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

1 Cor. 10:13 There hath no **temptation** taken you but such as is common to man: but **God is faithful**, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the **temptation** also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

1 Pet. 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to **try** you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

- When the promised future for a believer is understood, it can promote an exceeding joy for the present.

Conclusion

Faith not only sees beyond the temporal side of life, 1:5, it soars beyond the temptation side of life.

- The believers are assured of a wondrous future in spite of the earthly challenges encountered.

Jas. 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers **temptations**;

12 Blessed *is* the man that endureth **temptation**: for when he is tried, he shall receive **the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.**

- Remember.. “Who are kept by the power of God through faith...”

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