

1. Next week's LifeLine is 2 Timothy 1:6-7.
2. Who will be here on Halloween???

## LifeLines October 17, 2022

### Today's Scripture: 1 Verse

#### 1 Peter 5:10

**And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, support, strengthen & establish you.**

### WHY WE'RE HERE

2 Timothy 3:16-17, All scripture is inspired by God & is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, & for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

### CONTEXT

1 Peter was written to encourage the church in Asia Minor during a time of persecution. Verse 1 explicitly states the letter is written to the exiles of the Dispersion in various areas who were chosen, destined & sanctified to be obedient to Jesus & be sprinkled with His blood. Elders are encouraged to be good role models & remain humble under God's hand so that He may exalt them in due time. Doing so, they can live in expectation of the promises stated at the end of the verse & encourage others to do the same.

The key idea of the letter to them (& us) is *hope in Christ*, the kind of hope that sees people *through* tough times. We are called to live a life of hope.

From experience, Peter understood that suffering frequently precedes glory in the life of a believer just as sadness sometimes comes before joy.

### DIFFERENT VERSIONS

#### NLV

After you have suffered for a while, God Himself will make you perfect. He will keep you in the right way. He will give you strength. He is the God of all loving-favor & has called you through Christ Jesus to share His shining-greatness forever.

## **NLT**

In His kindness God called you to share in His eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, He will restore, support, & strengthen you, & He will place you on a firm foundation.

## **MSG**

The suffering won't last forever. It won't be long before this generous God who has great plans for us in Christ – eternal & glorious plans they are! – will have you put together & on your feet for good. He gets the last word; yes, He does.

## **TLB**

After you have suffered a little while, our God, who is full of kindness through Christ, will give you His eternal glory. He personally will come & pick you up, & set you firmly in place, & make you stronger than ever.

## **GW**

God, who shows you His kindness & who has called you through Christ Jesus to His eternal glory, will restore you, strengthen you, make you strong, & support you as you suffer for a little while.

## **NIV**

And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you & make you strong, firm & steadfast.

## **AMP**

After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace (who imparts His blessing & favor), who called you to His own glory in Christ, will Himself complete, confirm, strengthen, & establish you (making you what you ought to be).

## **GNT**

But after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who calls you to share His eternal glory in union with Christ, will Himself perfect you & give you firmness, strength, & a sure foundation.

**SELAH** – Tell us your explanation of this verse. What does it say to you?

## BREAKING DOWN THE VERSE

*And after you have suffered for a little while...* (Why is suffering necessary, or is it?) For believers, no suffering will last forever. He intends that no suffering be in vain. This is a wonderful promise. Suffering has a way of refining us. Peter made it clear that suffering would be an unavoidable consequence of faith.

*the God of all grace...* God is indeed “the God of all grace.” God’s grace is an unearned favor. All mercy, like forgiveness of sin, comes from His hand. We are never separated from Him. This is made possible by Christ & through the Holy Spirit. All blessings come from Him, flowing from His throne. Our salvation is one of those gifts.

*who has called you...* We humans are made in the divine image of our God. Still, because of our sinful nature, it took Jesus to be our passage, or passport, to allow us to draw to Him (see John 6:44). By His grace, He has *called us*. We’ve been chosen! We belong to Him! This is a high, holy, heavenly calling.

*to His eternal glory in Christ...* God called us to His own eternal glory in Christ. In your mind, what is eternal glory? Eternal = without beginning or end, lasting forever. We will share His glory in Christ. This is the destiny of believers!

*will Himself restore, support, strengthen & establish you.* In eternity, if not before, God will do these things. His Son will do these things. What does restoration mean to you? Support? Strengthen? To be established? We will be at rest, peace. There is no issue God can’t resolve. (Does this make you think of any particular book in the Bible?)

This can be turned into a prayer of thanksgiving for all that God will do for us one day.

**SELAH** – Reread the verse. How have you already experienced the promises made?

## RELATED VERSES

Deuteronomy 31:8, It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

Psalm 30:4-5, Sing praises to the Lord, O you His faithful ones, & give thanks to His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment; but His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Isaiah 40:31, But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run & not be weary, they shall walk & not faint.

Matthew 28:20b, “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

John 6:44, No one can come to Me unless drawn by the Father who sent Me; & I will raise that person up on the last day.

Romans 8:28, We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.

2 Corinthians 4:17, For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure. (What are examples of slight, momentary afflictions? Do they feel slight at the time? What is the *weight* of glory?)

2 Corinthians 4:18-19, Because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. (What are things that *can* be seen? What *can't* be seen?)

1 Thessalonians 2:11 (we were) urging & encouraging you & pleading with you to lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom & glory.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17, Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us & through grace gave us eternal comfort & good hope, comfort your hearts & strengthen them in every good work & word.

2 Timothy 2:10-13, Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He will also

deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful – for He cannot deny Himself. (Who are the elect?)

1 Peter 1:6, In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, (Paul's referring to new birth in Christ, His mercy, the hope of resurrection, the inheritance awaiting them.).

\*1 Peter 1:9, For you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (How can you reword this to make the meaning crystal clear?)

1 John 3:2-3, Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when He is revealed, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is. And all who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure.

## SUMMARY

Suffering is real, especially for those who are persecuted for faith in Christ. In this life, suffering happens. We may suffer in numerous ways, but suffering will end for those who have faith in Christ. Not only that – believers will be restored from any harm done to them. The *promise* of salvation may not eliminate pain or heartache this side of eternity, but the Presence of God's Eternal Glory assures us that suffering will one day come to an end forever.

With Christ's resurrection, ascension & glorification came an *eternal weight of glory*, & He shares that glory with all who trust in His name!

*Let this verse be a **LifeLine** for you!*

*Let's Continue Learning!*

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