



1 Peter Series:
Certain Hope in the Midst of Suffering

(1 Peter 1:13-25)
CALLED TO BE HOLY

Following the introduction that JJ took us through last week, the main body of Peter's first letter (1:13-5:11), consists of a series of exhortations—encouragements to live consistently with our faith in God and the salvation he has provided **despite opposition, harassment and any physical suffering** that will come our way. Our talk today focuses on 5 of these encouragements.

God's consistent instruction from the early part of the Old Testament—**'Be holy, for I am holy'**—is a command to all creation and Peter shows how faithful living—that is, being holy—is worked out even in hostile situations.

A major help with that is recognising that **we are like foreigners in this world** since our citizenship is where our Saviour is—in heaven—and that is the focus of our lives.



Next Week: Church Anniversary (1 Peter 2:1-10)

REGULAR MEETINGS

SUNDAY CHURCH.....weekly at 9:30am
SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER.....8:15am on 1st Sunday of the month
WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP.....weekly at 9:45am
WIGGLING WOMBAT PLAYGROUP.....Thursday from 10am
THURSDAY CHURCH.....weekly at 6:30pm
COMMUNITY PRAYER NIGHT.....7pm on 4th Sunday of the month



LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

GREATER WEST FOR CHRIST (GWFC) LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Monday 7th August 7pm @ Minchinbury

"This Spring you are invited to a leadership experience rather than a leadership course or seminar.

Our dream is to equip you in a holistic way as a leader in the environments you find yourself responsible to influence.

- This experience is aimed at seeing you develop the **character** of a leader as well as the **competency** to lead.
- This experience is aimed at increasing good **chemistry** with those around you as well as equipping you to lead with **clarity**.
- From this leadership experience we long for you to become **compassionate** in your leadership and discerning of the **culture** in which you influence.

We believe that for all this to take place leadership needs to be developed daily—not in a day. Leadership needs to be applied—not just discussed. We also fundamentally believe that your best efforts in leadership won't be enough to influence your world and you will need the power of God and the wisdom of others to carry you through."

For more information please speak to JJ or Lee.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

*Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.
Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.*

James 5:13

- **Please continue to pray for the Kwan family**, and especially Darren and Vanessa as they face this battle.
- **Please continue to pray for Colin and Pudge**, for an appetite for Colin and energy & grace to continue on.
- **Please continue to pray for Nelly** as she recovers from her hip surgery and for **Liza, Mary & others** who continue to face health issues.
- **Pray for us as a church**—that we would grow in our wholly dependence on God in prayer. That we would grow in our delight and treasure of Him and that He would lead us and direct us as a church.



TIME OF PRAYER: This Sunday Morning 30th July @ 8:15am

This Sunday morning there will be a time of prayer at the church property **from 8:15am** for anyone who is able to come. All are welcome.

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39th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY **Sunday 6th August**

We gather together on Sunday 6th August to celebrate our 39th Church Anniversary. This is a time when we want to **thank God** for His faithfulness in the past and consider His leading into the future. This will be a significant morning if you are able to join with us. **Please pray that God would give us His vision** as we consider the future.

If you would like to bring something to share for morning tea that would be great - just please note **no hot food**.

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