**Resurrecting Hope: Arming Hope**
**1 Peter 1:13-25**
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1 Peter 1:13-25: Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. [14] As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. [15] But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; [16] for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." [17] Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. [18] For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, [19] but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. [20] He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. [21] Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. [22] Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. [23] For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. [24] For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, [25] but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you. (NIV)

## Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

### 1. _____ the power of Good News

_____: It was revealed to the prophets that this living hope was not just for their time, but it was a ministry of the Good News to you by the Holy Spirit. 1 Peter 1:12, 25a (JOT)

### 2. _____ an aggressive hope

_____: Therefore, being fully alert to your situation, gird the loins of your mind to aggressively hope upon the grace conveyed to your life in Jesus's life and resurrection! 1 Peter 1:13 (JOT)

_____ obedience: Don't lazily slip back into those old grooves….As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. God said, "I am holy; you be holy." 1 Peter 1:14a, 16 (MSG)

_____ in love: By putting your faith and hope in God…Your soul is being purified through obedience to the truth that is found in sincerely loving as brothers and sisters. With this cleaner and clearer heart, intentionally and sacrificially love one another!
1 Peter 1:21b-22 (JOT)

### 3. _____ the power of hope

_____ power: Just think: a life conceived by God himself!…The old life is a grass life, its beauty as short-lived as wildflowers; Grass dries up, flowers droop, God's Word goes on and on forever. This is the Word that conceived the new life in you. 1 Peter 1:24b-25 (MSG)

## Spiritual Action Step:

**Are you losing the battle of your mind and heart? Is the enemy dragging you into the pit of doubt and darkness? Do you sense the emptiness of the old ways of death?** Jesus asks: *What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?* (Mark. 8:36-37 (NIV)). In Jesus Christ, God desires to give us beauty for ashes, a mantle of praise mending our broken hearts, and the oil of joy healing our spirit of despair! This is the power that resurrected Jesus and it is available to resurrect our lives! Invite Jesus to share this power with you. This week read 1 John 3 and Romans 5 to sense the Holy Spirit filling you with God's love.

*Translations: NIV: New International Version; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; MSG: The Message*