



WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

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LIVING HOPE

THE POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE WERE:

- Hope is crucial in a world that is marked by suffering.
- Hope is to believe and act in the conviction that though evil is strong, it does not have the last word.
- Make the choice to hope.

LET'S TALK

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message?
2. Tim Keller says that there's no way to get through life unless you know how to get through suffering. How do you cope when you face adversity?
3. Read 1 Peter 1:3-5
 - a. What images does Peter use to describe the inheritance we have (v. 4)?
 - b. When we put our hope in worldly things, they will ultimately disappoint us and be stripped away. What kind of things do you think people put their hope in during times of suffering?
 - c. How can we know that our inheritance is secure (v. 4-5)? In what ways does this encourage you?
4. Read 1 Peter 1:6-7
 - a. What image does Peter use to describe the process of suffering?
 - b. When gold is placed under intense heat, the impurities burn away and it becomes more pure. What are some ways your faith has been strengthened and purified through suffering in the past?
 - c. What are some things in your heart right now that may need to be purified?
 - d. God doesn't cause or delight in our suffering but he redeems it in order to refine our faith like gold. How might this truth change the way you look at your suffering?
5. Pastor Kevin says, "God promised the Israelites that land. He held it and protected it – and then gave it to them. Just like he does our inheritance. They had hope for that land in the future. And their future hope kept them making choices every day to move towards that future promise." How can you choose to hope every day, despite the challenges you face?
6. Who is someone you know who is facing suffering? How might you encourage them and give them hope?

LET'S PRAY: Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).

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