



THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

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1 PETER 3-9 (NIV)

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

NOTES

(THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)

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GOING DEEPER

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

Have you ever been a situation or season in your life that you felt hopeless? How did you get through it? Are there any areas of your life that feel hopeless now?

Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. Peter begins this letter by reminding them of the hope of heaven. How does understanding this affect life for us right now?

Read verse 7 again. What does choosing joy in spite of our suffering prove? Where's one area you are struggling with right now that you could choose to trust and choose joy?

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

1 Peter 1:6-7a (NLT) - So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine.

TAKE A STEP:

What are some "joy habits" you could incorporate into your life this week to help you choose trust and joy in the face of change, uncertainty, or hard times?

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GENERAL OFFERING

2023 Weekly Budget:	\$10,187
Given May 14th:	\$13,043
Difference:	\$2,856

2023 Annual Budget:	\$529,724
2023 Budget YTD:	\$193,553
2023 Given YTD:	\$178,252
Difference:	(\$15,301)

BUILD YOUR CHURCH FUND

BYC May 14th:	\$3,268
BYC YTD:	\$47,238
BYC Total Given:	\$369,730

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