

When life is challenging...

~~If we do it right and God is good,
the Christian life should be a lot like heaven~~

"Grace and peace be yours in abundance."

1 Peter 1:2

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1 Peter 1:1-12

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To God's **elect, exiles scattered** throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia,² who have been chosen

according to the foreknowledge of **God the Father,** through the sanctifying work of the **Spirit,** to be obedient to **Jesus Christ** and sprinkled with his blood:

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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.

God Almighty is guarding us and our incredible, glorious **inheritance**

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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.

We currently have troubles
that are bringing us **greater glory than gold**

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¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

Trouble then glory Like the prophets
and Jesus!

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The Big Idea

For all who have put their faith in Christ
**God is using even our troubles
to add to the wonders
of our unending joy with Him in glory**

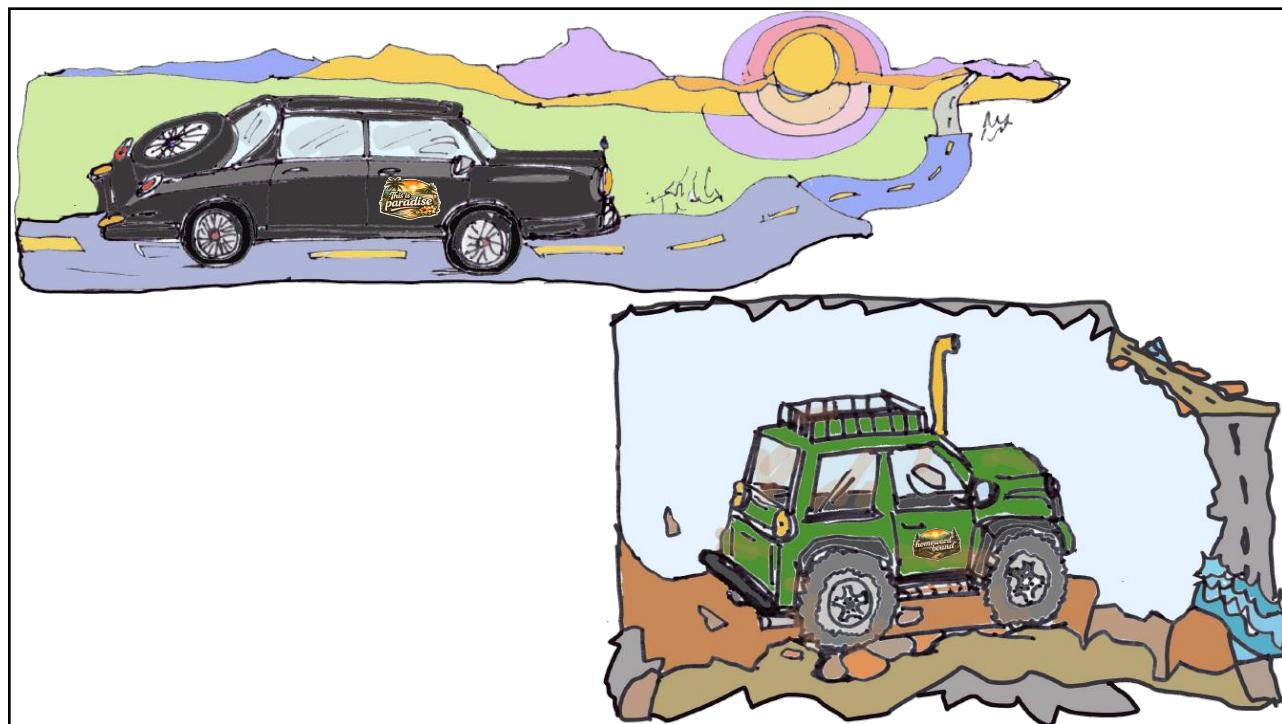
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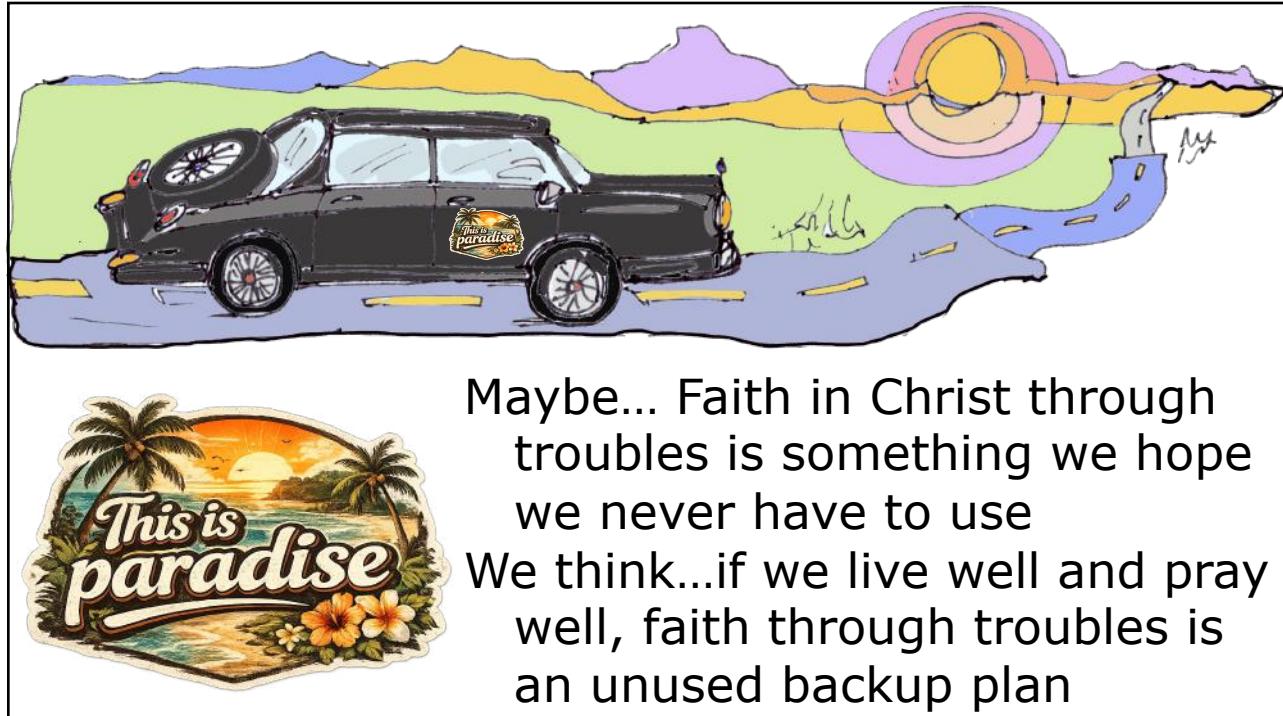
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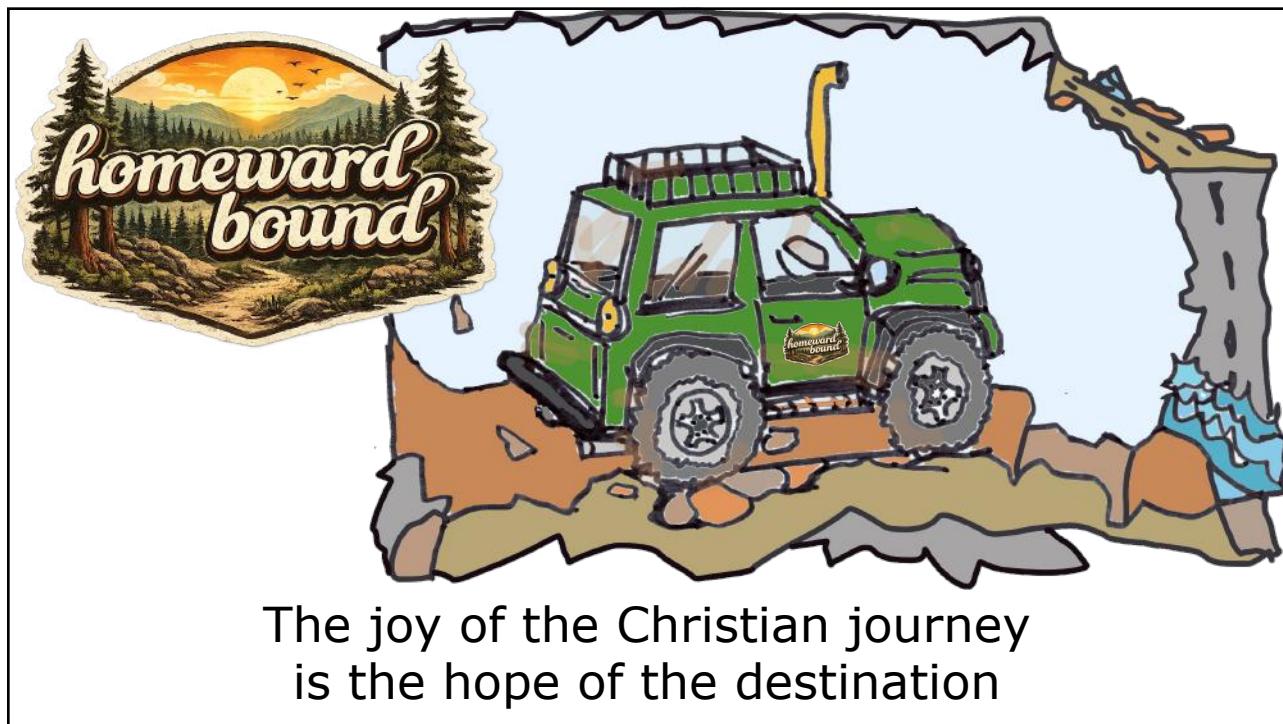
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Application

**Rejoice in the glorious inheritance
guaranteed by God Almighty**

- Jesus: “For **the joy set before him** he endured the cross” Hebrews 12:2
- The best of this life wildly magnified, without any of the sorrow or wrong or decay or...



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Application

**Recognize trials as God's means
to prove and build our faith**

→ increasing the glory to come

- "The bombs bursting in air gave proof..."
- Don't waste your troubles!

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of our Lord Jesus Christ!*

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new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead, and into an inheritance
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1 Peter 1:3-4

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