

CONFIDENCE IN THE CHAOS



May 24, 2020 | Confidence in the Chaos Part 6: God's Grace Gives Hope in Difficult Times

1 Peter 5:10 And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast.

There are three words Peter uses to indicate the grace that God gives to strengthen us and give us hope during difficult times.

1. Restore - means to _____ or make _____.
2. Firm - means to _____.
3. Steadfast - means to lay a _____ or make _____.

How Does God's Grace Give Us Hope During Difficult Times?

- I. By keeping us _____ when we are _____.

1 Peter 5:8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

- II. By keeping us _____ when we are _____.

1 Corinthians 16:13 Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Philippians 2:13 . . . for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

- III. By keeping us _____ when we are _____.

Isaiah 41:13-14 For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. ¹⁴ Do not be afraid, you worm Jacob, little Israel, do not fear, for I myself will help you," declares the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

How Do We Learn to Rely on God's _____ Grace?

- A. Call out to _____.

James 4:6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

- B. Receive _____ from the Bible.

Psalms 119:12-16 Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees. ¹³ With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. ¹⁴ I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. ¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. ¹⁶ I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

- C. Call on _____ for support.

Romans 8:31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

The One Thing:

God's grace is _____ to meet our every need and give us hope in the _____ times as well as the _____.