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Chapter 1

- 1. Abundant mercy; do we really understand this? God sending His Son to be a new and living hope through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. God's abundant mercy has given us what according to verses 4-5?
- 2. How easy it is to rejoice when all things are going well. Do we ever just rejoice in the truth that God has shown us abundant mercy? Have you shown mercy to your spouse? Family member? Friends or co-workers? Read Micah 6:8.
- 3. We cannot say we have faith unless it has been tested. If you have ever been involved in sports, you do not show up on game day, uniform on and ready when you have not been to practice. Verse 7 says that "your faith" is more precious than gold. What importance do you place on your faith? How do you treat it? Do you "do" what you "believe"? Do you know what you believe? Spend time in God's Word and let Him speak to you!
- 4. Believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory! We believe yet do we rejoice? Make it a priority today to rejoice in what you believe. God's abundant mercy toward us!
- 5. God has brought His grace on us and we have chosen to be obedient to Him. God is holy and He is calling us to be holy. Right now God is speaking to you about something in your life you need to lay aside. Be obedient to His voice, lay it down and allow God to change your life "Be holy, for I am holy".
- 6. You were bought with a price! Not with corruptible things that perish like silver or gold. You were bought with the blood of Jesus. Did you know that's how much God loves you?
- 7. Verse 22, how do you purify your soul? Read Proverbs 21:3.

Chapter 2

- 1. What things are listed that we need to "lay aside" in our lives?
- 2. We are compared to "living stones" in verse 5. Who is our Chief Cornerstone?
- 3. Peter says to you who believe and to you who are disobedient. What benefits are listed for each?
- 4. You are chosen of God, yes He chose YOU! Dwell on verses 9-10, what do these verses mean to you?
- 5. Sojourners and pilgrims are people on a journey; they have not yet reached their home. If you have confessed Jesus as your Lord and Savior, this is you! This world is not your home. On this journey, we are told to abstain from something the world is constantly tempting us with (verse 11). What do you need to lay at the Lords feet right now?

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- 6. Verse 12, what brings glory to God?
- 7. Ever wondered what the will of God is for your life? Here is one of many verses that speak clearly, verses 13-17. Now that you know, do you need to make changes in your life?
- 8. The remaining of this chapter is also beneficial in our employee/employer relationships. How can this attitude reflect Jesus at your workplace? If you struggle in this area, today is the day to allow God to speak to you and fill you with His Spirit. Will you allow Him to make the changes needed?

Chapter 3

- 1. Wives, how can you win over your unbelieving husbands?
- 2. Chaste conduct; chaste-pure, undefiled and true, conduct or lifestyle. Have you been living this way?
- 3. What are wives winning by being obedient to the Lord in verses 1-6? Have you thought about how much Jesus loves your husband?
- 4. Husbands, understanding and honor. Have you treated your wife this way lately? If you are struggling with this concept, verse 7 is very clear. If you do not want your prayers to be hindered, be obedient. God's word works; trust Him!
- 5. If someone asked your wife, would she say you treat her with understanding and honor?
- 6. Not only wives and husbands, but all of you! List the 6 things in verses 8-9 that we should be doing as believers.
- 7. What command are we given in verse 15?
- 8. How can you sanctify the Lord in your heart? (Sanctify-to set apart)
- 9. Where is Jesus now?

Chapter 4

- 1. Verses 1-2, therefore....what is this therefore? Since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind. What does this bring?
- 2. The end of verse 2 tells us we should live for the will of God. Verse 3 tells us what is not the will of God, which is the will of the Gentiles (man). What is listed as the will of the Gentiles, are you doing any of these things?
- 3. Verse 5, who will give an account to Him who is ready to judge?
- 4. 2 different people are described here, dead and alive. Which are you?
- **5.** Starting in verse 7, we are told the end is at hand. How are we supposed to treat each other?

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- 6. Verses 9-11 give us instruction to be "stewards of God's grace". Did you know that God has entrusted you to minister His grace to others? Minister means servant, have you taken this attitude with friends, family or co-workers? Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7.
- 7. We are not to be surprised when "fiery trials" come our way (verse 12). Suffering because we do things we shouldn't do is one thing, suffering because we are living as a Christian is another. Verses 12-19 tell us that we will suffer, are you suffering because of sin in your life or because you are living for Jesus? Be honest with yourself; seek the Lord for change in the areas of sin and strength in the areas of living for Him. Romans 12:2-13.

Chapter 5

- 1. What amazing instruction Peter gives to elders-bishop/shepherd/pastors. Are you being called to be a pastor? List the guidelines given here. Read Matthew 20:25-26.
- 2. Verse 5 that word "submissive" is used to instruct all of us. Are you submissive one to another?
- 3. Did you know God resist the proud? That He gives grace to the humble? Humility, casting all your cares on Him. I think it is time to pray, yes now!
- 4. Be sober (calm & collective), be vigilant (watchful, attentive to discover and avoid danger). Could you be described this way? What does verse 8 say the devil is trying to do?
- 5. Verse 9, resist him in steadfast faith! How many times have we attempted to resist him on our own? Steadfast-constant, firm, not fickle or wavering. I pray that we may all be this way in our faith. Read Ephesians 2:8, Hebrews 4:16, James 1:17
- 6. Verses 10-11. The God of all grace is calling you (all) to Jesus! After you have suffered awhile (pray on this one, read 1 Peter again). He is calling you to:
 - a. be perfect-Philippians 1:6
 - b. be established-James 5:8
 - c. be strengthened-Isaiah 40:29
 - d. settled-Matthew 7:27

All for what?