

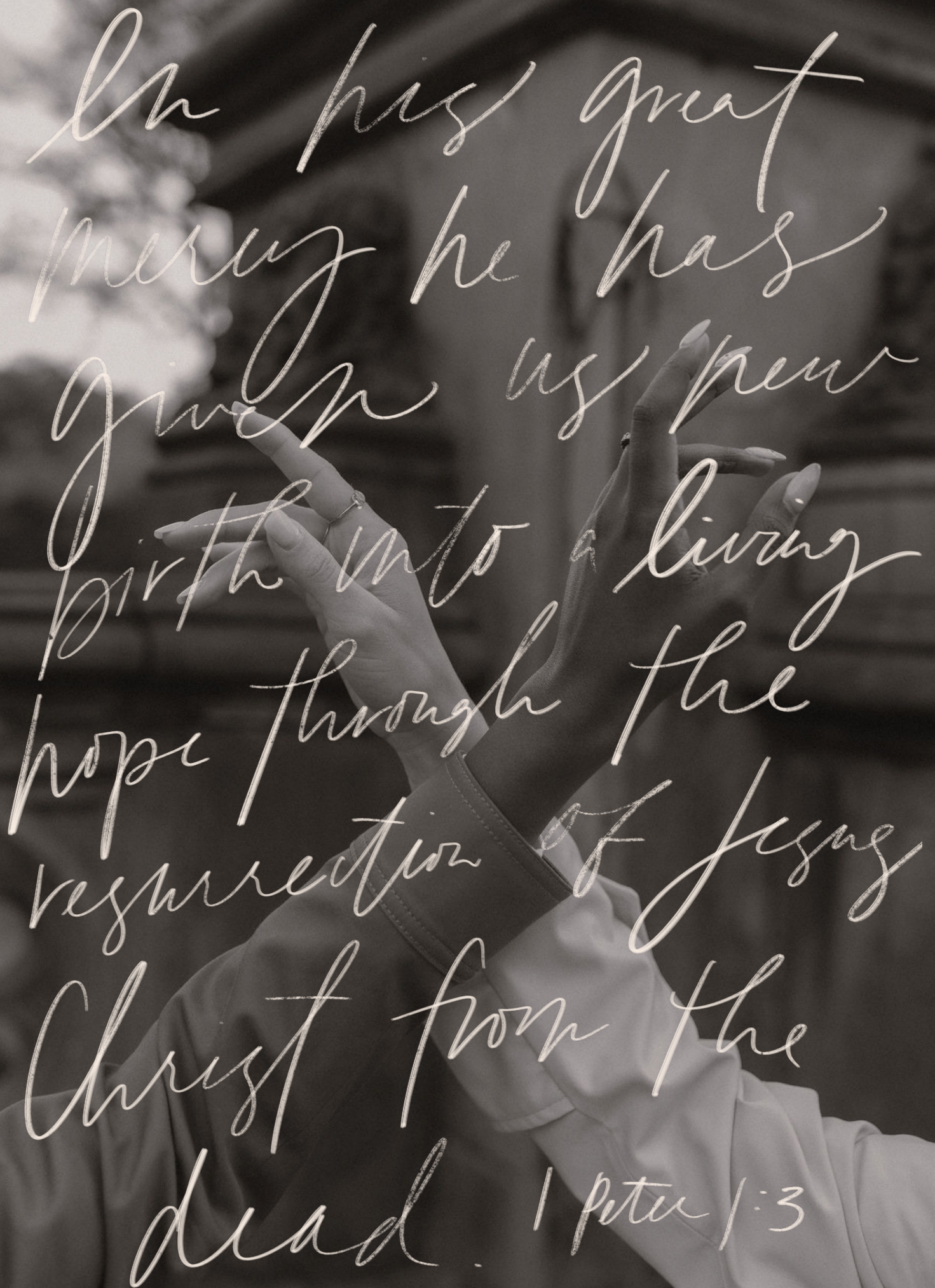


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In his great
mercy he has
given us new
birth into a living
hope through the
resurrection of Jesus
Christ from the
dead. 1 Peter 1:3

Courier: defined - a member of a diplomatic service entrusted with bearing messages

all for Jesus

he really is good news

for the couriers

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“Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.” – C.S. Lewis





INTRODUCTION

Lay of the land: defined - the disposition of circumstances which one is considering.

Before we step into our journey through Peter's letters, we want to take some time to consider the circumstances that inform what we are reading and how we understand it. There is a lot of story surrounding Peter's teachings, and our curiosity will lead to richer and clearer interpretation and application.

When reading God's Word, curiosity has always led me to treasure.

I am tempted to give you the "answers" to this section to move us along, but I think that might be doing you a disservice.

I want discovery to be yours in this Bible study. You must learn to go on the treasure hunt yourself, so that you can create rhythms that work for you.

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We gotta start somewhere - so I'm going to get things going by challenging you to go hunt down these jewels.

FIRST—

Read the letter of 1 Peter all the way through in one sitting. Based on your reading and your prior knowledge of the story of scripture, see if you can answer some of these questions. If you have no prior knowledge, have no fear. We will go digging together!



Key players:

- Who wrote the letter of 1 Peter?

- What do we know about Peter?

- How did he meet Jesus? (hint - Matthew 4:18-23)

What had Peter witnessed?

What responsibility did Jesus give Peter? (hint - Matthew 16:18)

How had Peter specifically and repetitively failed and how had Jesus responded?

Where is Peter when writing this letter? Who is he writing to?

Who are the recipients of the letter? What's happening in their lives?

A PLACE TO *begin* -

Visit the QR codes below or go to the internet and type in “Introduction to 1 Peter ESV”.
Two resources that should pop up are the -

Introduction on the ESV website (ESV means English Standard Version which is one of the word for word translations of the Bible).

The Bible Project YouTube video titled “Overview : 1 Peter”.

These will be helpful in your discovery!

Study Bibles are incredibly helpful for treasure hunting. I personally love my ESV study Bible which includes an introduction at the beginning of each book as well as commentary, cross references and many helpful tools to deepen your mining scripture.

I'm not endorsing every resource on Google - there is much false information, so be weary friends.

I have included links to resources I, and trusted friends, teachers and mentors, recommend and find useful for digging into scripture throughout this study.

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INTRODUCTION



OVERVIEW:
1 PETER



Now we are ready to go a little deeper - let's get our hands dirty.



Setting the table : defined - To place and arrange things to be used while eating a meal, such as plates, utensils, glasses, napkins, etc.

Scripture is our food.

“But he answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” -Matthew 4:4

Setting the table is preparing a time, place, and utensils to feast.

I want to challenge you to create a rhythm. Rhythms encourage consistency and consistency is how we grow.

A few questions to help you set the table for your daily time in scripture over the next 8 weeks;

What time will you set aside each day to meet with Jesus and open the Word? (I personally love the morning because it means my first meal of the day is scripture. Remembering Jesus and abiding in him before anything else begins helps me carry the truth with me into the day.)

Where will you meet with Him for your time in 1 Peter? Maybe it's a chair or a bench or a corner of your space. This is sacred time. Mark out a location that you know will be where you go each day.

All you really need is your Bible. That's the food for this meal! I also find that having a pen and a journal is helpful. God is going to speak as you listen. We want to write down what He is teaching us!



Now that the table is set, let's dig in!

This study is created rhythmically to lead you to experience Jesus and the transforming power of His presence through a daily practice of prayer, repentance, and meditation on His Word.

You're not alone.



