**Individual Resource**

**A Sojourner’s Guide**

1 Peter 1:3-9

Through Jesus Christ you have a new birth into a living hope. This is the essence of salvation, and by God’s power you have a future that is imperishable. But what about the present? This short time we sojourn on earth is filled with grief, trials, and distress. How do you keep your eyes on the prize of Heaven while sojourning here on earth?

**Mercy and Grace for our Sin**

Lamentation 3:22-23, Hebrews 4:14-16, Luke 6:35-38

Think of a time when your prayers resulted in mercy and grace from God. How does the remembrance of God’s faithfulness affect your prayer life today? How does it affect your desire to demonstrate grace and mercy to others? How do you mirror God’s mercy and grace in your relationships? Is there someone in your life who needs your mercy and grace?

**Hope for our Journey**

Romans 5:1-6, Romans 15:1-6

Hope is both instantaneous at the moment of salvation, and an end result of endurance. What are you enduring in your life, and how is it producing hope? How are enduring in your pursuit of God in Scripture? How does your effort in studying the Bible affect your hope? How do you share your hope with those around you? When others examine your life, do they consistently see this hope in you?

**Faith for our Trials**

John 16:33; James 1:2-8, 12; 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

Trials have a purpose in the life of a Christian. They build faith and develop endurance. How do you respond to trials? How are you growing as a result of trials? Are you able to increasingly trust God’s sovereignty, or do you find yourself trying to control the details of your life?

**Joy for our Distress**

Psalm 16:7-11, John 15:9-11, John 16:21-24, Romans 15:13

While happiness is often a byproduct of our circumstances, true joy flows from the Father. In your own life, how is happiness different from joy? How are you encountering joy in spite of your circumstances? How are you sharing joy with those around you?