



## BREAKTHROUGH SUNDAY: HOPE HAS RISEN

1 Peter 1:3 – 9

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### MESSAGE NOTES

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ... – 1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)*

*He was handed over to die because of our sins, and He was raised to life to make us right with God.  
– Romans 4:25 (NLT)*

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
– Romans 6:23 (ESV)*

- **HOPE**

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- **POWER**

*And through your faith, God is protecting you by His power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. – 1 Peter 1:5 – 6 (NLT)*

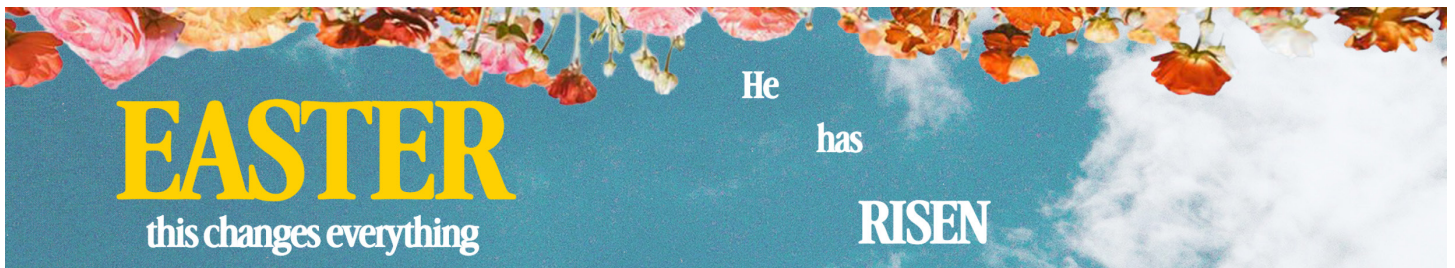
- **FAITH**

*... so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. – 1 Peter 1:7 (ESV)*

*The reward for trusting Him will be the salvation of your souls. – 1 Peter 1:9 (NLT)*

### MESSAGE SUMMARY

**This Easter message centered on the “living hope” we have through Jesus’ resurrection (1 Peter 1:3–9). Because Jesus conquered sin and death, we’re offered forgiveness, new life, and a relationship with God, but it doesn’t stop there. His resurrection power continues to work in us, bringing real breakthrough in our everyday lives. Even in trials, we’re not alone. God is sustaining us, growing our faith, and leading us forward. The question we’re left with is: Where do we need to trust Him for breakthrough right now?**



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use as many or as few of these questions as are helpful for your group or family discussion.

- Discussion Starter: If you could witness one moment from the first Easter—either the empty tomb, the angel speaking to the women, or Peter running to the tomb—which would you choose and why?
- Read 1 Peter 1:3–5 together. What stands out to you about the phrase “*living hope*,” and how is it different from the way people usually think about hope?
- Read 1 Peter 1:6–7. According to these verses, what is the purpose of trials in our lives, and how does that reshape the way we view difficult seasons?
- How does the resurrection of Jesus make us “*right with God*” and secure our future (Romans 4:25)? Why is that central to our faith?
- Where in your life do you feel like you’re “*just getting through*” instead of living with hope? What might it look like to invite God into that area?
- What is one specific way you can live from “*resurrection power*” this week instead of relying on your own strength?
- What is one area where you are believing God for breakthrough right now, and how can this group pray specifically for you?