



## THE JOURNEY

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### 1 Peter 2:9-12

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

### SUMMARY

The Christian life is a journey. A journey full of ups, downs, beautiful meadows, rocky mountains, gorgeous sunrises, and storms that shake the very fabric of life. The Christian walks this journey though from a position of victory, hope, and deep purpose. We have been called, chosen, set apart, and made new to show the excellencies of the one who has rescued us. We walk through this journey knowing we are loved by the Father, secure in Christ, and kept by the Spirit. Therefore, as we journey through this world we must not become like this world but rather show the world who the Lord is. We are to journey faithfully in obedience to Christ and be anchored in the only hope that actually gives life, Christ Jesus risen from the dead. Embrace your sojourning through this world, for the one who called you is guiding you home.

REMEMBER WHO WE BELONG TO  
REMEMBER HOW HE TOLD US TO LIVE  
KEEP YOUR HAND TO THE PLOW

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does seeing yourself as God's own possession shape how you view your life? Does this help give more clarity to your call as a "royal priest" and serving the Lord?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:1-12 as a whole. How does Peter compare and contrast those in darkness and those in light? What sort of titles, actions, or motives does he scribe to each?
3. The call of the believer is to live differently from the world, so are you doing?
4. Do you see life as a war against not people but the principalities of this world?
5. How does this passage/sermon help encourage you in that war?

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