



WHEN LIFE DOESN'T GO AS PLANNED

(1 PETER 1:6-12)

BIG IDEA

God is able to use the trials and hardships in our lives to transform us and get us to where he wants us.

CONTEXT

As the church was scattered throughout the known world it is likely that many plans and dreams were frustrated. As Peter continues to encourage the scattered church in the midst of life not going as they might have planned, he reminds them that God's plans are never foiled. To ground them in this Peter refers to promises made in the Scriptures, promises written hundreds of years before Christ, but despite the passage of time all of these promises fulfilled in Jesus. It is to remind us as a community that we should be that much more encouraged and resolute in the plans of God.

MEMORY VERSE

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 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 1:6-7 ESV)

PRAYER THIS WEEK

- Pray that God will help you to have confidence that He is able to use all situations for our growth.
- Pray that God will remind you that he is your anchor and hope in trials and hardships.
- Pray that God will show you how to practically live in response to his control over the circumstances that you are currently in.

SUNDAY – JANUARY 29TH

Read Peter 1:6-12. What stands out to you about this passage and from last night's message? Take a moment to reflect on church last night. Pray that the Holy Spirit will remind you: if God can use the trials and pain of the Cross as the platform to announce his gospel (good news), that God can use the trails in your life for your good and to his glory.

MONDAY – JANUARY 30TH

Read Peter 1:6-12

- How have you experienced trials challenge your faith?
- List three trials that you have experienced in the past.
- What is the reason that Peter gives for the command to rejoice in our trials?
- What was your response to these trials?
- Is it normal or weird to rejoice in our Trials? Why?

TUESDAY – JANUARY 31ST

Read Peter 1:6-12.

Yesterday we looked at three trials that you have experienced.

- How have you experienced trials challenge your faith?
- Peter writes about how trials result in “the tested genuineness of our faith,” why would this be important?
- How can trials reveal more about who God is in your life?

WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 1ST

Read Peter 1:6-12

- What are the implications that we have been given more grace than the prophets?
- What is the significance that angels long to look into the things announced to you?
- How have you been served by the writers of the Bible?
- In the midst of trial, where do you look first for comfort?

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 2ND

Read Peter 1:6-12

- How does understanding the Scriptures give you hope during suffering?
- Describe a time when you have gone to Scripture for comfort in the middle of a trial and found peace in God?
- How is God’s character reflected in the gift of Scripture?
- How is your MC able to share God’s character to the people you are serving?

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 3RD

Use Friday as a catch up day

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 4TH

Read through 1 Peter 1:13-21 in preparation for tonight. We are going to look at how we can be sure that we are followers of Jesus. Pray you and your fellow Revolutionaries would be reminded tonight of God’s power to not only secure our salvation, but to begin to transform us to look more, and more like Jesus.



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FAMILY DINNER BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY

Bible Reading This Week: 1 Peter 1:6–12

Word of the Day: Prophets

In 1 Peter 1:10–12 Peter speaks about the Old Testament prophets. Prophets were people who spoke for God by preaching and/or writing what God told them. Prophets often foretold the future, letting people know what would happen before it actually did. This week we will focus on prophets and prophecy from the Old Testament to help the children see that God knows the future, controls the future, and tells us the truth in the Bible.

1. What is a prophet?

A person in the Bible who preached and/or wrote for God.

2. How did someone become a prophet?

God chose them to be a prophet.

3. Does God know the future?

Yes, he knows the future and he controls it.

4. How did God tell the prophets about the future?

God the Holy Spirit told them about the future and exactly what God wanted them to preach and/or write about the future.

5. Did the prophets ever prophesy something that did not come true?

No, the Bible teaches that a true prophet of God does not lie and they always tell the truth (Deut. 18:21–22).

6. What are most of the prophecies in the Old Testament about?

Most of the Old Testament prophecies are about Jesus coming down from heaven to the earth.

7. Do any other religions have prophecy like Christianity?

No, other religions do not have prophets who tell the future like Christianity because their prophets are false prophets who do not work for God.

MONDAY

Bible Reading This Week: 1 Peter 1:6–12

Word of the Day: Prophecy

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700 BC

Isaiah prophecies that Jesus' mother would be a virgin who conceived by a miracle and that Jesus would be God who became a man.

Promise: “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isa. 7:14).

Fulfillment: “Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel’ (which means, God with us)” (Matt. 1:18–23).

- 1. How long before Jesus was born did Isaiah prophesy?**
Seven hundred years.
- 2. What did Isaiah prophesy?**
That Jesus would be born to Mary.
- 3. Did God’s promise come true?**
Yes.
- 4. How did Mary get pregnant with Jesus?**
Through a miracle by the Holy Spirit.
- 5. What does Jesus’ name “Immanuel” mean?**
God is with us.
- 6. Who adopted Jesus and became his daddy?**
Joseph.
- 7. Did Jesus have brothers and sisters who were born after him?**
Yes (Matt. 13:53–56).
- 8. What do you think it would be like to have Jesus as your big brother?**

TUESDAY

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700 BC

Isaiah prophesies that Jesus would perform many miracles.

Promise: “Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy” (Isa. 35:5–6).

Fulfillment: “Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’ And Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them’” (Matt. 11:2–5).

- 1. What did Isaiah prophesy that Jesus would do when he came?**
Perform miracles.
- 2. Did Isaiah’s prophecy that Jesus would perform miracles come true?**
Yes.
- 3. Name as many miracles you can think of that Jesus performed.**
- 4. Which of Jesus’ miracles is your favorite? Why?**

WEDNESDAY

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700 BC

Micah prophecies that Jesus would be born in the town of Bethlehem.

Promise: “But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days [eternity]” (Mic. 5:2).

Fulfillment: “In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. . . . And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn” (Luke 2:1–7).

- 1. In which town did Micah prophesy that Jesus would be born?**
Bethlehem.
- 2. Did Micah’s prophecy come true?**
Yes.
- 3. Did Jesus’ parents, Mary and Joseph, live in Bethlehem or Nazareth?**
They lived in Nazareth.
- 4. How did Jesus’ parents get from Nazareth to Bethlehem?**
They traveled there when Mary was pregnant to register for a census with the government.
- 5. When Jesus was born, where did they lay him?**
In a manger because they were not at home and Bethlehem was full of people and there was no other place to stay.
- 6. How old was Mary when Jesus was born?**
She was probably a teenage girl.
- 7. What do you think it was like for Mary to be a young mom far away from home when Jesus was born?**

being weird together – FAMILY ACTIVITY

Mary and Joseph had to travel approximately 80 miles to get to Bethlehem from Nazareth, no small task. Try to bring the distance of this into perspective for your children.

Some ways that you can do this would be to go on a hike, or a walk and measure out the distance. If it takes you 15 minutes to walk a mile, talk about how long it would take to walk 80. Another way would be to find a place approximately 80 miles away that your kids are familiar with and ask what it would be like to walk there. **If you go for a walk/hike/car ride invite your neighbors or someone from you MC to join you.**

The distance from Nazareth to Bethlehem is massive, did that keep God’s prophecy from coming true?

THURSDAY

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400 BC

Malachi prophesies that Jesus would enter the temple. This is important because the temple was destroyed in AD 70 and no longer exists; subsequently, the prophecy could not have been fulfilled anytime after AD 70.

Promise: “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts” (Mal. 3:1).

Fulfillment: “Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law . . .” (Luke 2:25–27).

1. Where did Malachi prophesy that Jesus would visit?

The temple.

2. Did Malachi’s prophecy come true?

Yes.

3. What was the temple?

It was like the church of the Old Testament where people would go to worship God.

4. Who was the prophet Malachi promised would come preaching before Jesus to get people ready for him?

Jesus’ cousin John the Baptizer.

5. When was the temple destroyed?

AD 70.

6. Does the temple exist today?

No.

7. Since there is no temple and Malachi prophesied that Jesus would visit the temple, can the prophecy be about anyone other than Jesus who was born later?

No.

FRIDAY

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500 BC

Zechariah prophesies that Jesus' betraying friend would be paid thirty pieces of silver for handing him over to the authorities and that the payment would be thrown in the temple in disgust

(again, the temple was destroyed in AD 70, so this prophecy could not have been fulfilled after that time).

Promise: "Then I said to them, 'If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them.' And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver. Then the LORD said to me, 'Throw it to the potter'—the lordly price at which I was priced by them. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD, to the potter" (Zech. 11:12–13).

Fulfillment: "Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?' And they paid him thirty pieces of silver" (Matt. 26:14–15); "And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, 'It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.' So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers" (Matt. 27:5–7).

1. What did Zechariah prophesy?

That Jesus would be betrayed by Judas.

2. How much did Zechariah prophesy Judas would be paid to help kill Jesus?

30 pieces of silver.

3. Was that very much money?

No.

4. Did everything Zechariah prophesied come true?

Yes.

5. Jesus was friends with Judas for three years before Judas betrayed him, how do you think Jesus felt about Judas sin against him?

6. Have you ever had a friend hurt your feelings by sinning against you?

7. Is there anyone you have not been a good friend to?

SATURDAY

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700 BC

Isaiah prophesies that Jesus would resurrect from death.

Promise: "Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the

LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities” (Isa. 53:10–11).

Fulfillment: “For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses” (Acts 2:25–32).

1. What did Isaiah promise would happen to Jesus after he died and was buried?

That Jesus would rise from death.

2. Did Isaiah’s prophecy come true?

Yes.

3. Is there anyone who has even risen from death like Jesus?

No.

4. Can you think of any way Isaiah would have known 700 years before Jesus was even born that he would die and rise?

5. What do you think it will be like to resurrect one day like Jesus did?

6. What do you think heaven will be like?

Parents, it is good here to explain to your children that heaven is a new creation and like this world without sin and the curse. The Bible speaks of heaven as a place where the sun shines, people have fun, everyone is safe, no one gets hurt, and we get to do anything but sin which means that such things as going swimming and playing ball are allowed in heaven for kids who get to meet all the Christians from the Bible and history and also spend time with Jesus forever.