

The Way: The Way of Hope
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1 Corinthians 13:13 NKJV

... And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Colossians 1:4-5 NLT

For we have heard of your **FAITH in Christ Jesus** and your **LOVE for all of God's people**, 5 which come from your confident **HOPE of what God has reserved for you in heaven.**

HOPE (elpís) — 1680: joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation

FAITH is NOW IN THE PRESENT and HOPE is LATER IN THE FUTURE.

Hebrews 6:19 NLT

This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.

1 Corinthians 15:19 KJV

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

Luke 22:31-32 NKJV

And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may **sift you as wheat**. But I have prayed for you, **THAT YOUR FAITH SHOULD NOT FAIL**; and **WHEN YOU HAVE RETURNED to Me, STRENGTHEN YOUR BRETHREN.**"

Through the Fire, God Will:

1. **REFINE** our hearts (sift you as wheat)
2. **RESTORE** our lives (when you have returned)
3. **REDEEM** our stories (strengthen your brethren)

Through the Fire, God Will:

1. **REFINE** our hearts

Luke 22:54-62 NKJV

Having arrested Him, they led *Him* and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance. Now when **THEY HAD KINDLED A FIRE IN THE MIDST OF THE COURTYARD** and sat down together, Peter sat among them. And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him." But he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him." And after a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this *fellow* also was with Him, for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. **And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.** Then **Peter remembered the word of the Lord**, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So **Peter went out and wept bitterly.**

Psalms 1:1 NIV

Blessed is the one who does not **walk in step** with the wicked or **stand in the way** that sinners take or **sit in the company** of mockers ...

1 Peter 4:12 NLT

Dear friends, don't be surprised at **THE FIERY TRIALS** you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you.

Through the Fire, God Will:

1. REFINE our hearts
2. **RESTORE** our lives

Mark 16:6-7 NKJV

...“Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid

Him. 7 BUT GO, TELL HIS DISCIPLES—**AND PETER**—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.”

1 Peter 1:6-7 NKJV

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, **if need be**, you have been **grieved by various trials**, that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, **THOUGH IT IS TESTED BY FIRE**, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ ...

1 Peter 1:15 NKJV

... but as **HE WHO CALLED YOU IS HOLY, YOU ALSO BE HOLY IN ALL YOUR CONDUCT**, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

1 Peter 2:9 NKJV

But you *are* a **chosen generation**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, His own **special people**, that you may proclaim the praises of Him **WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS** into His marvelous light ...

John 21:9, 15-19 NKJV

Then, as soon as they had come to land, **THEY SAW A FIRE OF COALS THERE**, and fish laid on it, and bread ... So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, **do you love Me more than these?**” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” He said to him again a second time, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep. Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry *you* where you do not wish.” This He spoke, signifying by what death

he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, **“Follow Me.”**

1 Peter 4:13 NLT

13 Instead, **be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering**, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.

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2. RESTORE our lives
3. **REDEEM** our stories

Revelation 12:10-11 NASB

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. “And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and **BECAUSE OF THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY**, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.