

**COMING UP
NEXT WEEK:
GENERAL EPISTLES- BELIEVERS &
PROBLEMS**
READ- 1 PETER 1:3-7,13-17, 4:12-18,5:8

Problems:

Peter was one of Jesus' disciples. Peter wrote this letter (1 Peter) to Christians who were being persecuted. He encouraged the Christians to continue to live for God in spite of their problems. Problems come in different forms— divorce, persecution, arguments, money, bullies, Why does God allow us to face problems? *Read 1 Peter 1:6-7.* God uses problems to help strengthen our faith in Him. When we face problems by relying on God's help, our relationship with God grows stronger. With each problem, we get closer to God. Problems will come. We cannot control that, but we can control how we respond to them. Here are four tips from 1 Peter on how to react to problems.

- 1. Pray.** *Read 1 Peter 5:6-7.* Go to God, asking and allowing Him to help you. God cares about you and your problems. He gives something more valuable than gold—faith. Just ask Him.
- 2. Do what is right.** *Read 1 Peter 3:13-17.* People are rarely punished for doing what is right. But Peter said that if you do suffer for doing what is right, you will receive special blessings. It is better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil (1 Peter 3:17).
- 3. Resist temptation.** *Read 1 Peter 5:8-9.* Problems are not an excuse to give into temptation. God expects us to continue to make good choices, even when faced with problems.
- 4. Rejoice.** *Read 1 Peter 4:12-16.* That doesn't mean you have to like your problems, but you can be happy that God is with you to help with them. Because of your relationship with Jesus, He is always with you. If you are persecuted for your faith, praise God. He will bless you because of it.
The way you respond to problems says a lot about you and your relationship with God. Whatever problems you face, remember that God is with you. He has promised to give you strength and help you (1 Peter 5:10).



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GOD'S WORD FOR EVERY DAY

Mon: READ: James 2:14-17
DISCUSS: What does James say about faith without deeds? What examples does he give? How can you put your faith into action?
PRAY: *Lord, help me to do things you want me to do.*

Thurs: READ: James 1:22-24
DISCUSS: What does James say we should do? How is listening to the word and not doing what it says like casually looking in the mirror?
PRAY: *Lord, help me not to just listen to what the Bible says, but to do your will by obeying your word.*

Tues: READ: James 2:18-19
DISCUSS: Why isn't believing in God enough proof of your faith? How can you show your faith in God? Why do Christians need to put their faith in God?
PRAY: *Dear Lord, I want to show my faith by what I do. Help me live so others know I believe in you.*

Fri: READ: James 1:25
DISCUSS: What happens to the person who obeys God's word? What kinds of things do you do to obey God's word?
PRAY: *Dear God, thank you for your promise to bless those who obey you. Help me to be one of those people.*

Wed: READ: James 2:20-24
DISCUSS: Who did James use as an example of great faith? What had that person done?
PRAY: *Lord, help me to obey you as Abraham did. I want my faith in you to show in my actions.*

Sat: READ: James 4:7-10
DISCUSS: What instructions does James give? What happens when we resist the devil?
PRAY: *Dear Lord, help me to give myself to you. I want to serve you with my life.*

SERIES VERSE

"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light."
1 Peter 2:9

MEMORY VERSE

"Cast your anxiety on Him because He care for you."
1 Peter 5:7

Upcoming events & Announcements

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March 29th:
Kids in
Worship

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Country of the Month:



VANUATU
(vah-noo-AH-too)



Location: This island nation lies in the South Pacific Ocean, 1,000 miles east of Australia. The islands form a Y shape and stretch 560 miles from north to south.



Religions: Most people claim to be Christians and are part of Protestant churches (70%) or Catholic churches (12.4%).* Some follow "cargo cults," believing ships will one day bring them goods and blessings. Many believe they must please the spirits of their ancestors.