

**Suggestions for Application**  
**Stronger: Strength through Struggle**  
**April 18, 2021**  
**1 Peter 1:1-9**

- 1 Peter 1:1-2 emphasizes salvation and sanctification.
  - Recall your salvation experience and look for evidence of God's calling you to himself, as well as evidence that you "have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father." For additional insight and assurance, read Romans 8:28-30.
  - Reflect on your spiritual journey since your salvation and look for evidence of God's work in your life "through the sanctifying work of the Spirit," as well as evidence of how God's work has prompted you "to be obedient to Jesus Christ." For additional insight and assurance, read Hebrews 12:7-11.
  
- 1 Peter 1:3-9 further emphasizes salvation and sanctification by pointing to the realization of spiritual strength in spite of suffering and struggle.
  - Recall your experiences of suffering and struggle and look for evidence of your being "shielded by God's power."
    - How do such recollections affirm "the proven genuineness of your faith"?
    - How do such recollections prompt you to "greatly rejoice"?
  - Reflect on the expression, "Begin with the end in mind." Consider "the end" to be not death, but judgment before God. Given the "living hope" arising from your salvation and the "praise, glory and honor" arising from your sanctification:
    - How will you live spiritually "Stronger"?
    - How will you experience God's provision of "Strength through Struggle"?