A Study of 1 Peter: "Following Jesus Through a Foreign Land"

Sermon Title: "Forging a Stronger Faith in God"

Reference: 1 Peter 1:20-21

Context: Peter is writing to scattered, suffering Christians facing increased persecution. They are in need of encouragement and instruction as they live out their earthly pilgrimage in a hostile environment. 1:13-2:10 highlights at least six responsibilities Christians have been given as the result of God's great salvation. 1:20-21 focuses on having a stronger trust in the God of our salvation.

Sermon in a Sentence: "God has proven he is trustworthy no matter what we face in this life." **Main**

Points:

I. God's plan for our lives can be trusted. (Vs 20)

Ref. Acts 2:23; Acts 4:27-28; Romans 8:28-31; 2 Timothy 1:9

II. God's timing with our lives can be trusted. (Vs. 20)

Ref. John 1:14; John 5:30; Galatians 4:4-5; 1 Timothy 2:5-6

III. God's power in our lives can be trusted. (Vs. 21)

Ref. Matthew 16:17; Ephesians 2:8; Job 19:25-29; 1 Cor. 15:14; Romans 8:23; 2 Cor. 12:9

IV. God's rule over our lives can be trusted. (Vs. 21)

Ref. Mark 16:19; Philippians 2:10-11

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What did you learn about God's attributes and promises?
- **2.** What challenges you about the message?
- **3.** Were you convicted of any specific sin in your life? Through God's grace and the power of His Spirit, how will you deal with this sin?
- **4.** What does this Scripture require of me?
- **5.** How will you practically implement these truths?
- **6.** What in this passage points to our need for Jesus?