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Message Series
"When the Going Gets Tough..."

"Pull Yourself Together"

1 Peter 1:13-21

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

When life gets difficult...

Common expressions:

Getting Serious About Our Walk With God...

1. Begins _____ . (v. 13)

"...gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." (KJV)

"Be alert and think straight..." (CEV)

The biblical word for this:

How to "think straight"

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"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." (2 Cor. 10:5)

2. Requires _____ . (vs. 14-17)

"As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires that you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do..." (vs. 14-15, NIV)

[Romans 12:2]

"holy" -

Two choices: --

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Remember: _____ is always a _____.

3. Recognizes _____ . (vs. 18-20)

"...knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold...but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ." (vs. 18-19, NAS)

"redeemed" -

4. Depends _____ . (v. 21)

"Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God." (v. 21, NIV)