

becoming



who

you are

## **A People of Hope & Inheritance**

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1 Peter 1:3-9

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### **1 Peter 1:3-9**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

We become the stories we tell.

What are the stories you tell in your suffering?

“As much as we recoil from suffering, it has the potential to show us who we are and who God is in ways that dramatically alter the way we live our lives.”

- Katherine & Jay Wolf

### **2 Corinthians 4:7-10**

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

Vision = A picture of the future that evokes passion.

What we believe about the future shapes how we live in the present.

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### **Psalms 16:5-6**

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

### **1 Peter 1:4**

...never perish, spoil or fade.

### **Colossians 3:2**

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

In the midst of suffering, we are invited to tell stories of hope and inheritance because that is how we become people of hope and inheritance.