

# **Encouragement for Exiles: Cultivating Hope in Adversity**

**1 Peter 1:10-12**

Slides from Aaron Hornkohl's sermon at the evening service  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025

*<sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> 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.*

*<sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.*

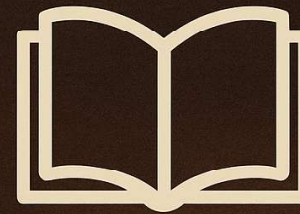
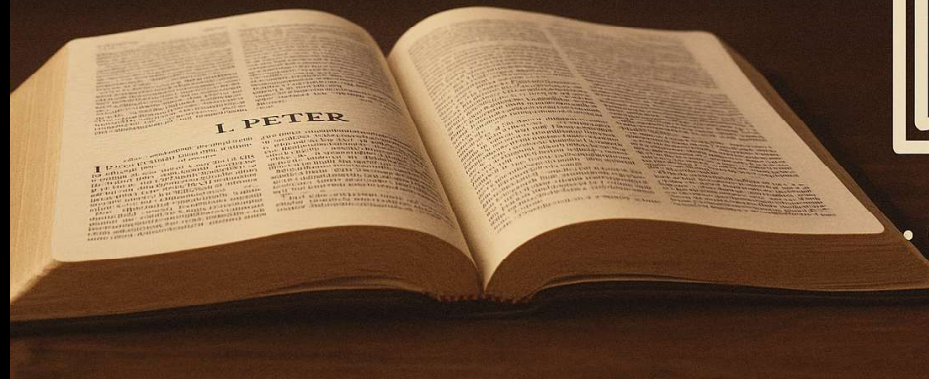
*<sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your*

*faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> 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, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

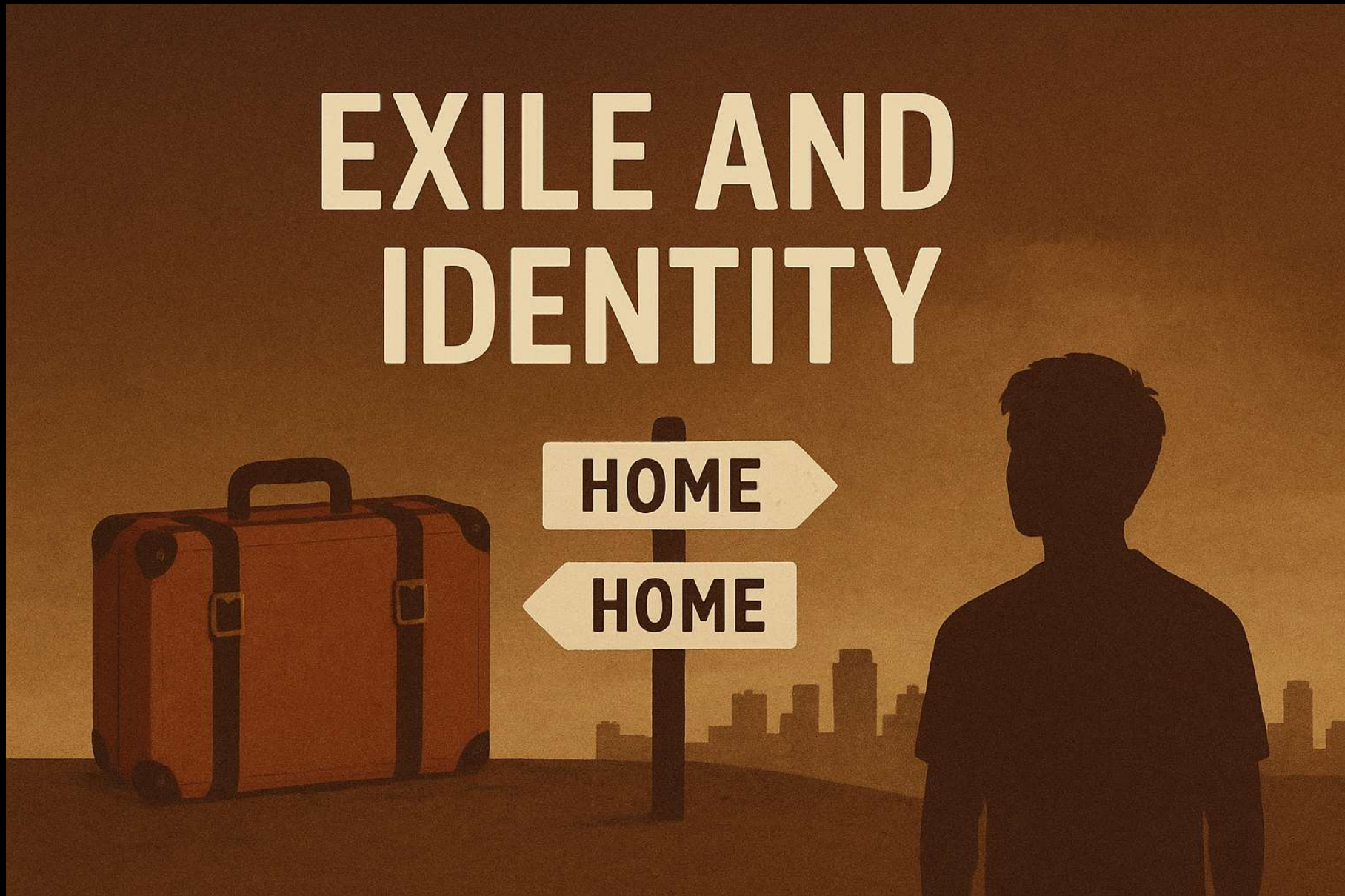
*(1 Pet. 1.3–9)*

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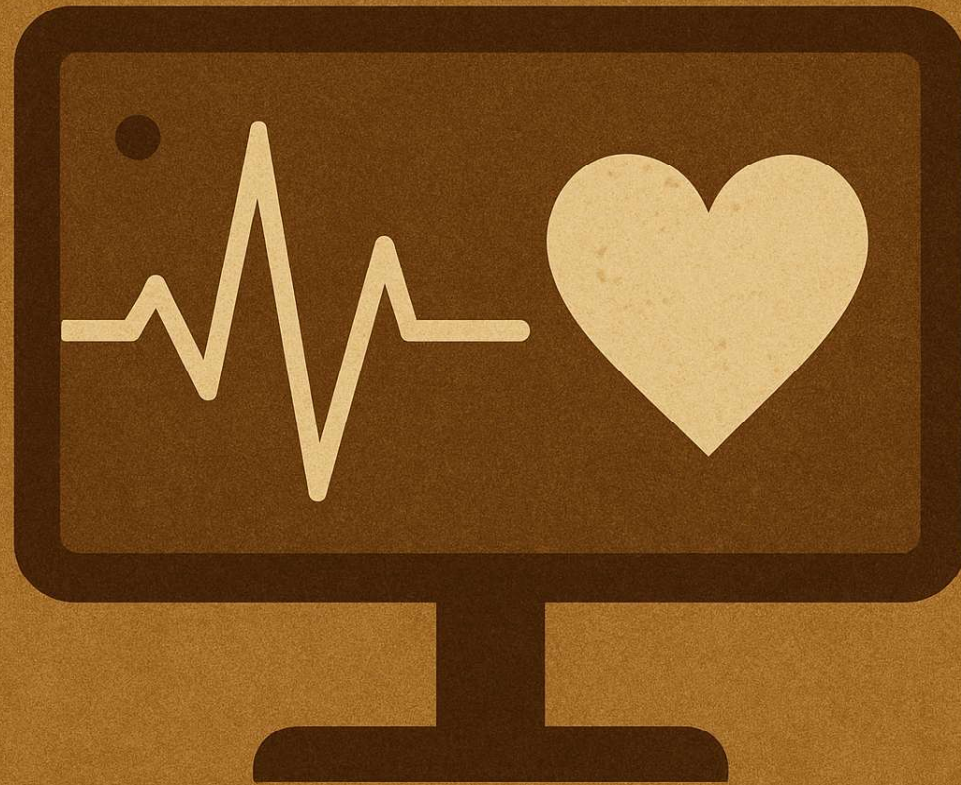


# EXILE AND IDENTITY





# Spiritual Health



## 2. Adversity and Spiritual Health

### Hesitancy



**Is this Letter Relevant to Us?**





# Reframing Adversity



### 3. Prophecy as Therapy

#### Prophecy: What It Is and What It Isn't



*<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, <sup>11</sup> trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things. (1 Pet. 1.10–12)*

# Prophecy: What It Is





## Prophecy: What It Isn't



# Comfort



# Challenge



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*Be strong, and he shall strengthen your heart<sup>1</sup>,  
all you who hope in<sup>2</sup> the LORD.” (Ps. 31.24 [25])*

<sup>1</sup> *or and let your heart be strengthened*

<sup>2</sup> *or wait on*