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SERIES KEY TEXT (NKJV): 1 Peter 1

OTHER TEXT (NKJV, NLT): Hebrews 11:13-16, 1 Peter 1:6-9, 1 Peter 1:10-12, 1 Peter 1:13, 1 Peter 1:14-15, 1 Peter 1:18-22

Big Idea: As God's chosen people, we are called to live as foreigners in this world marked by hope, holiness, and a heavenly identity because our true home is not here but with Christ. Trials may test your faith, but they are meant to refine it, shaping you into someone who lives with reverence, love, and purpose. Redeemed from an old way of life, we now walk in a new one that reflects God's glory. To live as a foreigner is to live distinctly, not blending in but standing out as a representative of God's Kingdom. Our hope is anchored in eternity, our conduct reflects God's holiness, and our love flows from a pure heart. Though the world is not our home, we have been marked to reveal God's nature in it, living each day with our eyes fixed on the city He has prepared for us.

In this first of the sermon series, Pastor Walker teaches us that as believers, we are called to live as foreigners in this world marked by holiness, hope, and heavenly purpose, reflecting His glory in all we do.

1 Peter 1:3-5 NKJV

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

God Bless You!

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Leader Heads-Up: Take a quick **head count!** Like a **good Shepherd**, find out **who is missing** and **why!**

A. Start Talking

If you could instantly become an expert in any hobby or skill, what would it be and why?

B. Start Thinking

1. In **1 Peter 1**, we are told to **think** and **live** as "*temporary residents*" during our time on the earth. How will you live differently this week to reflect that you belong to a different Kingdom?
2. Read **1 Peter 1:6-7 NKJV**. Share a time when your faith was tested through persecution from those hostiles to your walk with God. How did that experience affect how you face future challenges?
3. Read **1 Peter 1:14-16 NKJV**. God admonishes us to be obedient children, holy in our conduct. In which areas of your life do you need God to help you grow in obedience and holiness?

C. Start Praying

Pray that you will live as a temporary resident of this world, with your heart set on heaven and your mind focused on eternal things.

D. Start Doing

1. **Live Set Apart** – Choose daily to reflect God's holiness in your actions, attitudes, and choices.
2. **Hope Fully** – Anchor your heart in the future God has promised, not in the temporary comforts of this world.
3. **Endure Faithfully** – Embrace trials as opportunities to strengthen your faith and character.
4. **Love Deeply** – Let your transformed life be marked by sincere, intentional love toward others.

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