

FIRST PETER

Sure Hope for Unsure Days

Persevere for You are Blessed

1 Peter 4:12-14

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in heaven, you are strong. You alone are the fountain of all being, of whom and through whom and to whom are all things. You, LORD, have most sovereign dominion over all creatures to do by them, for them and upon them whatsoever you please. Praise your mighty name! LORD, we confess this morning how quick our hearts doubt your power and authority in our lives. We confess how foolish it is when we seek to move and make things happen in our own strength & by our own bidding. LORD forgive our foolish presumption. LORD reveal this morning these ways we not rest in your strength & grant repentance for them. And cause faith in Christ to spring up that we might rely and rest in your sufficient presence, provision and protection for us. We ask these things in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

Persevere in Suffering

1. An Uncommon Expectation (v. 12)
2. An Uncommon Reaction (v. 13)
3. An Uncommon Affirmation (v. 14)

Central Textual Truth

Peter calls his exiles to persevere through Christ's promised care.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to persevere through Christ's promised presence.