

**SERMON SERIES:** DIFFERENT  
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## Key Line

“Different You.”

## Introduction

Last week we wrapped up our Indicators series! We learned about how to spot different indicators of anxiety, anger, apathy, and addiction in our spiritual lives. This week we are kicking off a new series called Different. We will be going through the book of 1 Peter, learning about how we can look different from the world around us.

- What is something unique about you? Do you have any hidden talents or interests? (Painting, juggling, musical instruments, etc.)

## Seek the Word

Read 1 Peter 1:1-9.

- What do verses 1-2 tell us about Peter’s audience?
- Verse 3 says that Christ births us into a living hope. What might it mean to have a living hope?
- Why does this passage tell believers to endure through trials?
- Why does verse 6 say we can rejoice even in trials?
- How does this passage help explain Jesus’ love for us?

## Go Deeper

Do a short word study on either the word “trial” or “faith.” The Blue Letter Bible app or the Logos app may be helpful. Answer these questions:

- What did this word originally mean?
- Do we use this word differently now?
- Where else in Scripture does this word pop up?

## Talk About It

- Which part of your faith do you wrestle with most - the content, coherence, or cost of it all?
- When you think about trials growing your faith, how do you feel?
- How might your life be different if you committed to focusing on Jesus even in the trials you face?
- Do you know someone going through a trial right now? How can you encourage them to look to Jesus for help?

## Wrap Up

*Reminder:* Trials grow your faith.

*Challenge:* This week if you are going through a trial, set a reminder to spend a few minutes each day in prayer. Ask Jesus to help strengthen your faith as you go through the trial. If you are not going through a trial, think of someone you know who is. Send them an encouraging note, text, give them a call, etc. to let them know that Jesus is for them.