



hope in exile

1 PETER

A large, leafless tree stands in a misty field. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out against a pale, hazy sky. The ground is covered in grass and low-lying plants, all shrouded in a soft, white mist that creates a sense of depth and atmosphere. The overall tone is quiet and contemplative.

On Mission Together

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A large, leafless tree stands in a field under a bright sky. The tree is the central focus of the background image, with its intricate branches reaching out. The field is a mix of green and brown, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. The sky is a pale, uniform color, possibly overcast or a bright day.

Church?

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1 Peter 2:4-12 (ESV)

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-12 (ESV)

⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

1 Peter 2:4-12 (ESV)

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

1 Peter 2:4-12 (ESV)

⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

1 Peter 2:4-12 (ESV)

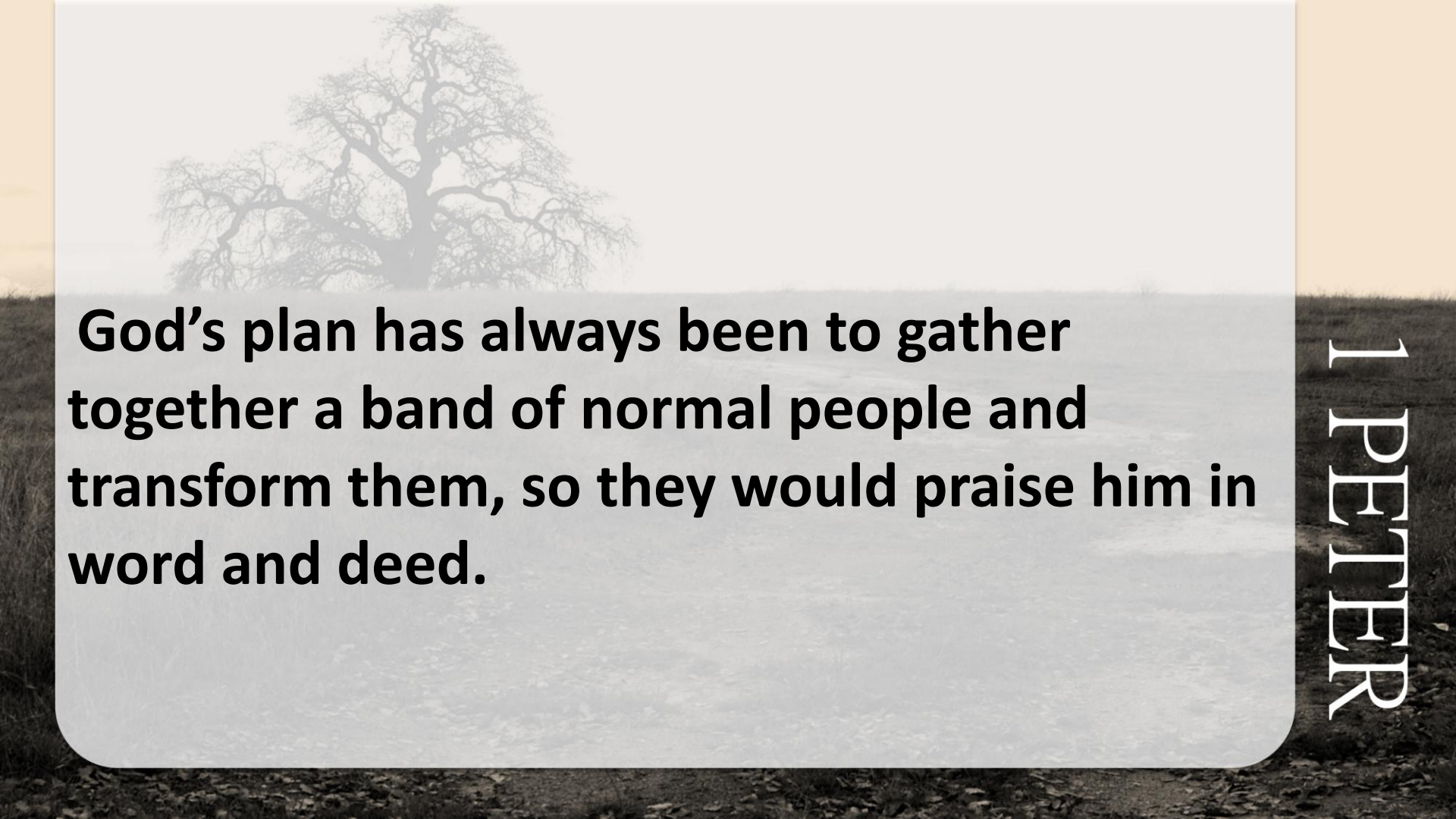
⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:4-12 (ESV)

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:4-12 (ESV)

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, open landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out against a pale, hazy sky. The ground is a flat, open field, and the overall atmosphere is serene and quiet. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box in the lower half of the image.

God's plan has always been to gather together a band of normal people and transform them, so they would praise him in word and deed.

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A misty landscape with a large tree silhouette in the background and a path leading to the ocean.

**We exist to glorify God through lives
changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ**

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How do we learn to live as God's people?

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1 Peter 2:4-5a (ESV)

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Why has God given us such a glorious new identity?

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Church on Mill's Strategy

- Corporate Gathering
- Connection Classes
- Gospel Communities
- A Culture of Mentoring, Discipleship, and Care
- Disciple-makers Training

“Either we will listen, obey and put our trust in Him and receive honour and a place within the fabric of God's purposes; or, alternatively, we will disobey God's Word and find ourselves stumbling irretrievably and on the Last Day be put to shame. Jesus Christ is either the foundation stone of our lives or the stumbling block.”

-Angus Macleay