

# *Living* HOPE

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF FIRST PETER



A lighthouse with a glowing light sits atop a dark, rocky cliff. The ocean is visible in the lower left, and the sky is a deep blue. The lighthouse is white with a dark top section and a small window. A small white building is at its base.

# Gentleness and Strength: Living Out Christ in Marriage

1 Peter 3:1-7









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# Confused and Frightened

| Confused and Frightened Thinking                           | God-Honoring, Right Thinking                                                                                          |
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| Maybe this is my fault                                     | What he is doing is not right. It would not matter who he was married to. He would treat them this way.               |
| He punched and choked me, but he didn't intend to kill me. | Reality is he could have murdered me. I need to report this to the police and try to protect myself and the children. |





# Despairing Thoughts

| Despairing Thoughts      | Hope in God Thoughts                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| I can't take it anymore. | It feels like I cannot take it, but the Lord will help me bear up under this. 1 Cor. 10:13                                                                                                          |
| He will never change.    | I don't know if he will ever change or not but I know I can obey the Lord and be faithful no matter what my husband does. With God's help, I can do what is right and not be frightened. 1 Pet. 3:6 |



“as to the weaker vessel” (1 Peter 3:7 NKJV)



“We are to treat our wives in the way that we would treat a very delicate and useful vessel”

Stuart Scott, Exemplary Husband

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