

## “ Context ”

### I Peter 1: 3-5

- I. (Re) Introduction to the letter
  - A. Who wrote the letter?
  
  - B. To whom was he writing?
  
  - C. Why was he writing them?
  
- II. Peter's Main point
  - A. Suffering, submission, love for others...
  
  - B. Hope

"We can say as believers that since Jesus came, he will come again. The promise of his coming and our resurrection in the future is the surfeit, or superabundance, that flows into our uncertain present. The far future infuses hope into our near future. The far future (which may come tomorrow or in ten thousand years) is certain; He will come and all things will be redeemed beyond our wildest imagination. The far future spills over into the near future -- not with the promise that the wedding day will be dry or our daughter will be healed, but with the promise that pain and death can't steal the purpose God has stamped into our being. ***Confidence in the far future is the safety net that allows us to play on the high wire of the present and near future.***"

Dan Allender , *The Healing Path*, p. 139-140