

TOPIC 1

Create a Safe Space of Inquiry

Practical Teaching

1 Peter 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

You may be fighting to maintain your sanity and your faith.

Perhaps you are not sure your faith is going to survive.

Your faith as it is now may not survive this. Your rediscovered faith will not be your old version of faith. It will be a much better, deeper faith.

It is not a faith propped up by a belief that everything will return to “normal” because you will never return to normal.

It may help to know that the men and women who brought us the message of Jesus walked through similar valleys.

Valleys filled with random acts of violence, unnecessary suffering, and unanswered prayers.

And yet, somehow, some way, they believed, and they persevered.

In the scripture "Praise be to God," Peter expressed his gratitude to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is worth noting that at the time of writing, Peter had been arrested on multiple occasions and had been brutally flogged, resulting in permanent scars.

Additionally, Peter had a price on his head, and he had lost many loved ones, including his friends James and Stephen.

With all this going on Peter explains how he can maintain his faith.

In His great mercy, He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade.

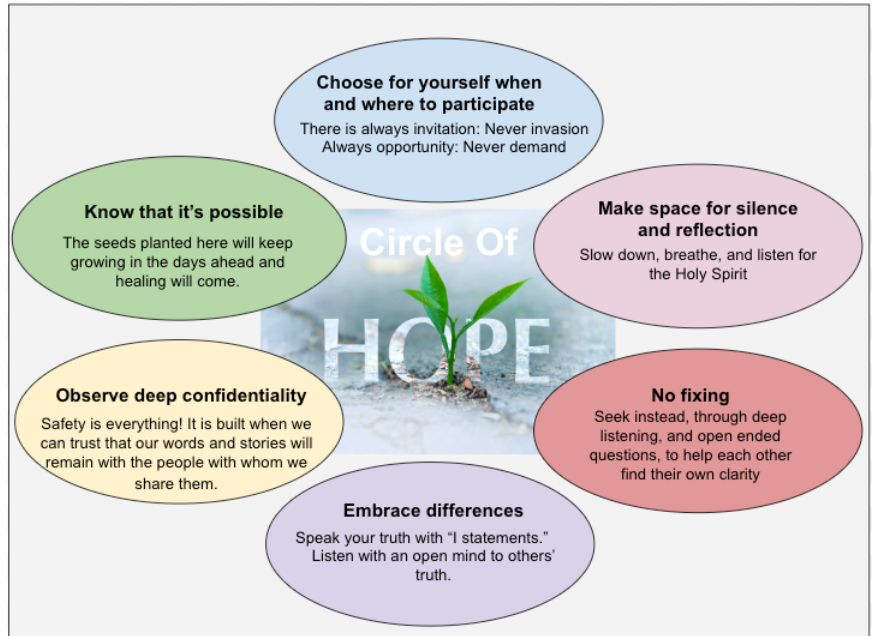
1 Peter 1:3-4

Reinforcing the Boundaries and Guiding Principles

Before we begin our Circles of Hope discussion, it's important for everyone to review the following guiding principles and boundaries. These are essential for creating a safe and restorative space for those dealing with spiritual trauma.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Play the “long game” and trust God with the outcome.
- Use love to build bridges to Jesus; don't lose the relationship.
- You can love well without losing your convictions of faith.



CIRCLE OF HOPE TOPIC

How can we cultivate a safe space for inquiry in our home to encourage the faith of our child and ourselves?