

Were You There Lenten Devotional
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Scripture:

1 Peter 1:3

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Devotion:

This passage is a reminder of one of God's greatest gifts to us as his children, and that's hope. Not just any hope, but a living, breathing hope. We don't have to live in regret of our past or fear of the unknowns of our future, because we know that he has prepared a place for us. Safely in his arms is where we will spend eternity. I often ask my children if they want to hit the "do-over button". I offer them a second chance to change their attitude or change their response. We as God's children are offered that same opportunity every day. We can change our perspective, our reactions, our emotions... the list goes on. God gives us the freedom and the Grace to choose how we spend our time on this earth. We get to decide each day how

we will treat people, how we will respond to trials, and how we love ourselves. We are not expected to be perfect, we are only asked to love Him. Trust Him. Follow Him. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are promised the peace and comfort that comes from a living hope and the promise of eternal life. No strings attached. No checklists. Endless opportunities to hit the "do-over button". It's a gift that God offers to his children, that we must only receive.

Prayer:

Dear God, today we give you Praise. We thank you for the mercy that you have given us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We ask that you help us to feel the peace and comfort that living hope provides for us. You have shown us the way to love our neighbors. You have shown us the way to love ourselves. Please continue to guide us today as we do our best to love, as you first loved us. Amen.

