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MESSAGE NOTES

When we don't know who we are, or if we have wrong ideas about who we are...it will impact everything about our life...

Life With Jesus, In A Nutshell (1 Peter 1:3-9)

We are offered a _____(v. 3)

Heaven is _____ for us to _____ (v. 4)

Jesus _____ us (v. 5)

- Safekeeping can feel confining or _____
- We can _____ believe we are missing out or held back
- His safekeeping is a wonderful gift (Psalm 139:1-6)

Jesus Keeps After Us (John 10:10-15)

- His motivation is _____
- His purpose is _____

The Payoff?

If we embrace Jesus' pursuit of us, we can move from a _____ response to what Jesus expects as _____ from one of His followers.

...we are kept from _____ and released to _____.

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Where are you finding your **REAL ID** :

- Your feelings vs God's Truth? Which will win?
- Will you give up _____ and claim _____?
- Will you let Jesus keep after you? (Philippians 1:6; Jude v. 24-25)

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: If you could live in any decade (previous or future), what decade would you pick and why?

1. Many of us have hoped for the surprise letter indicating we've inherited a substantial gift from a distant relative we don't know well or even know was in our family tree. As a Christ-follower, how does [1 Peter 1:3-9](#) describe our inheritance?
2. While Jesus shields us ([1 Peter 1:5](#)), Pastors Nate and Tony indicated that it can sometimes feel confining or restrictive and we can mistakenly think we're missing out/held back from something. How might we understand Jesus' safekeeping as a wonderful gift?
3. "Jesus keeps after us," motivated by love and wanting new life for each of us. How have you experienced Jesus' safekeeping as He described in [John 10:10-15](#)?
4. In your Message Notes, both Pastors Tony and Nate listed the "payoff" of Jesus' pursuit and safekeeping. Review what we are kept from and released to. Which of these is most encouraging to you?
5. As we find our *REAL ID* in Christ, we were challenged to choose God's truth over our feelings and to give up dangerous things in order to claim life-giving things. Read [Philippians 1:6](#) and [Jude 24-25](#). How will you let Jesus keep after you considering these promises?

Day One: [2 Corinthians 1](#)

Day Two: [2 Corinthians 2](#)

Day Three: [2 Corinthians 3](#)

Day Four: [2 Corinthians 4](#)

Day Five: [2 Corinthians 5](#)

PERSONAL GUIDE



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Heaven is kept for us to inherit (v. 4)

Jesus shields us (v. 5)

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- His safekeeping is a wonderful gift (Psalms 139:1-6)

Jesus Keeps After Us (John 10:10-15)

- His motivation is love
- His purpose is new life

The Payoff?

If we embrace Jesus' pursuit of us, we can move from a common response to what Jesus expects as normal from one of His followers.

...we are kept from bitterness and released to forgiveness.

...we are kept from slandering and released to speaking life.

...we are kept from anxiety winning and released to breakthroughs.

...we are kept from sin and death and released to new life!

Where are you finding your **REAL ID**:

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