

**How to endure being locked in - a survival guide**  
**– 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20: 19-end**

1. Some reasons for hope
2. Because of this hope we are to stand firm in the face of tribulation
3. How do we receive God's inexpressible joy at this time?

## 1. Some reasons for hope.

‘We have been given a living hope that can **never perish, spoil or fade**. And this inheritance is kept in heaven for us, who through faith are shielded by God’s power.’ 1 Peter 3b – 4a.

The clip of the vicar in the street.(the address of the clip is below)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSwnFBUryFc>

People need to hear even at this time of lockdown that there is a reason to hope.

## **2. Because of this hope we are able to stand firm**

1 Peter 1:6

‘In all this you greatly rejoice though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.’

2 Corinthians 12 – Paul’s thorn in his flesh

‘My grace is sufficient for you. My power is made perfect in weakness.’

God does not leave us alone to face trials and tribulations.

### **3. So how we receive God's inexpressible joy and hope at this time?**

As we return to that locked room just after Easter we see Jesus walk in and bring his promise of the Holy Spirit in person to these terrified disciples.

And it is through the presence of the Holy Spirit that we can be encouraged and we can encourage others but in everything prayer is a vital part of our strategy.

As we conclude, (based on Matthew 6)

Let us join together and pray that our light from Christ, through the presence of the Holy Spirit, might shine before others and may lead to them joining with us his Church on earth in glorifying our Father in heaven and sharing in his hope here on earth.