

A landscape photograph featuring a large, gnarled, leafless tree on the left side. A dirt path or road leads from the foreground into the distance, curving slightly to the right. The background is a flat, open field under a pale, overcast sky. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

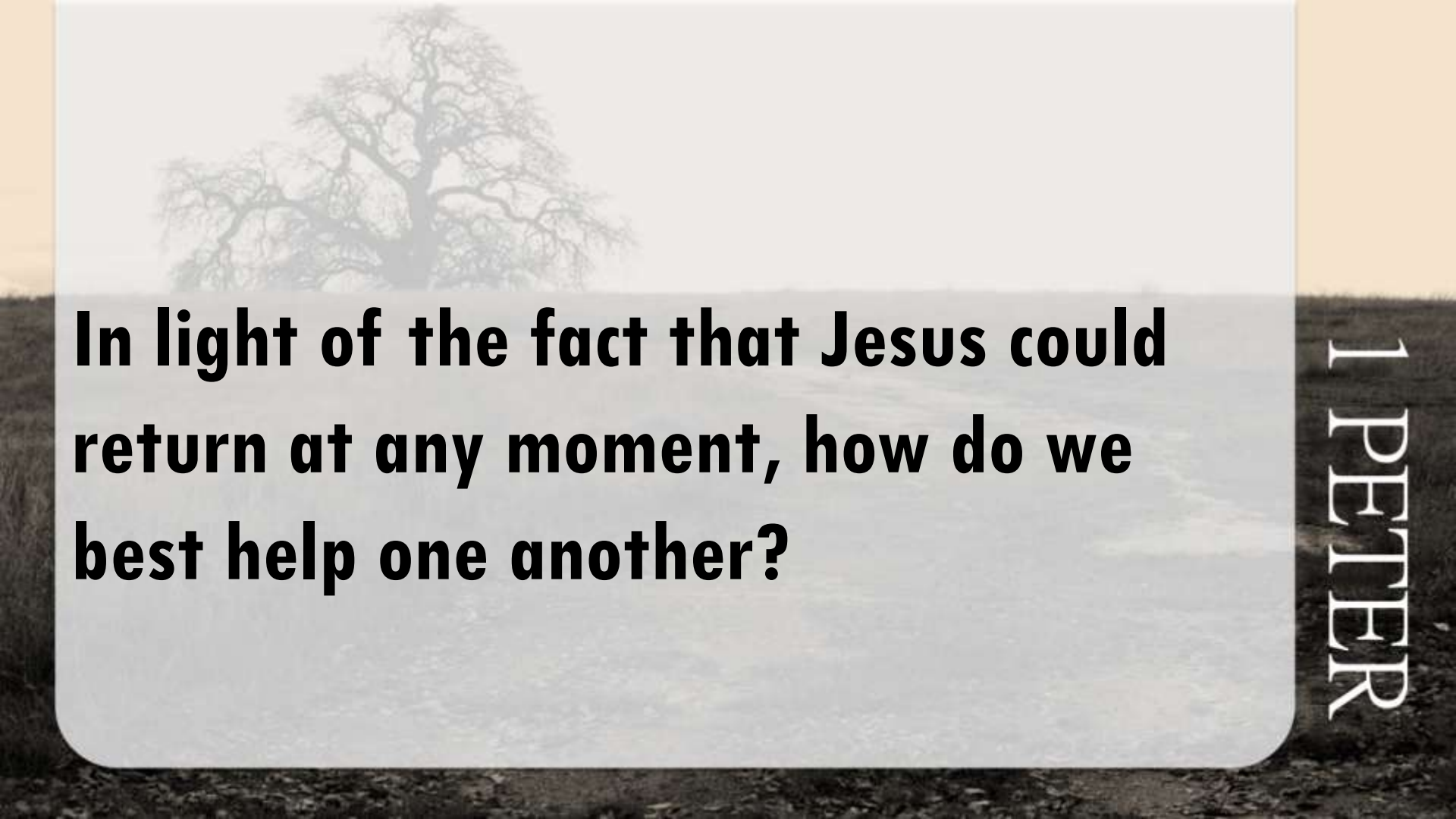
hope in exile

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A misty landscape with a large tree silhouette in the background and a body of water in the foreground. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a soft light source on the left side.

It Could Be Today!

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In light of the fact that Jesus could return at any moment, how do we best help one another?

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Revelation 21:1-8 (ESV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone.

² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Revelation 21:1-8 (ESV)

³ I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or

Revelation 21:1-8 (ESV)

⁴ sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”

⁵ And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” And then he said to me, “Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.”

Revelation 21:1-8 (ESV)

⁶ And he also said, “It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life.

⁷ All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God,

Revelation 21:1-8 (ESV)

⁷ and they will be my children.

⁸ “But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”



1 Peter 4:7a (ESV)

The end of all things is at hand; therefore...

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1 Peter 4:7-11 (ESV)

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

1 Peter 4:7-11 (ESV)

¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God


1 Peter 4:7-11 (ESV)

¹¹ may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, open landscape. The tree is dark and silhouetted against a pale, hazy sky. The ground is a flat, open field that extends to a distant horizon. The overall atmosphere is quiet and somewhat somber.

Jesus will return, therefore...

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A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, overcast landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out against a pale, hazy sky. The ground is dark and appears to be a field or a path, with some low-lying vegetation visible in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is quiet and contemplative.

**What we believe about tomorrow
determines how we live today.**

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