



SISTERS 2020: Rise Up and Stand Firm With Amy Groeschel

*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, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This **inheritance** is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the **salvation** that is ready to be revealed in the last time.*

*⁶In all this you **greatly rejoice**, though now for a little while you may have had to **suffer grief** in all kinds of **trials**.*

*⁷These have come so that the proven genuineness of **your faith**—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire may result in **praise, glory and honor** when Jesus Christ is revealed. 1 Peter 1:3-7 NIV*

Rejoice and Keep an Eternal Perspective

- **Rejoice in our Living Hope.**

In all this you greatly rejoice ... 1 Peter 1:6 NIV



Journal entry:

*I don't know what is going to happen. But **I know** I can give You thanks in all things. I don't know what tomorrow will look like. But **I know** you hold tomorrow and go before us. I don't know what will become of this situation. But **I know** You will work it all for our good. **I know** we can trust You in all things. I didn't want to wake up to this news of uncertainty. But **I know** none of it surprises you, and that gives me peace.*

“If you’re God’s child, no matter who you are, where you are or what you’re facing, you have reason for joy today.”

—Dr. Paul David Tripp

- **Rejoice that our trials are not wasted.**

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*Consider it **pure joy**, my brothers and sisters, **whenever you face trials** of many kinds, ³because you **know** that the **testing of your faith** produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be **mature and complete**, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4 NIV*



Journal entry:

My heart feels deeper empathy for the lonely—shut-ins, those grieving the death of a loved one, the persecuted, people battling chronic illness, waiting for an answer to prayer, battling or recovering from a crisis ... and all affected deeply by a novel virus.

I have a fuller understanding of two things: *The great need for us to truly love one another ... and even greater ... to **know the love of God.***

- **Keep an eternal perspective.**

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*Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. ²¹And he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked **shall I return.** The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.” Job 1:20-21 ESV*

*If in Christ we have hope **in this life only**, we are of all people most to be pitied. 1 Corinthians 15:19 ESV*



*... I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. **Stand firm in it.** 1 Peter 5:12 ESV*