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Perseverance in Loss
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Fewer trials challenge the heart of God's people more than seasons of grief and loss. In these deep valleys, hope comes in remembering what you as a son/daughter in Christ can never lose. Prior to Peter's encouragement to the church in 1 Peter 1:6-7 to "rejoice greatly even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials," he grounds this admonition by listing what is not at risk of ever being stolen/taken from believers. First, a disciple can never lose his or her salvation, as it is as real as the tomb is empty (1 Pet. 1:3). Second, a believer can never lose his or her coming inheritance, as it is protected by the full faith and credit of God himself in a bank that is not of this world (1 Peter 1:4). And, finally, a follower of Christ can never lose the enduring presence of the Lord (1 Peter 1:5). When your heart is heavy after loss, allow your head to remind you of that what can never be taken. This reminder can overwhelm even the sharpest grief and provide something firm to grasp hold of when that which we hold dear is stripped away.



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