

A hand holding a green suitcase on a road under a cloudy sky. The suitcase is a simple, rectangular, green metal or plastic case with a handle. The hand is positioned at the top of the handle, and the suitcase is held upright. The background is a long, straight road stretching into the distance under a cloudy sky. The overall mood is one of travel and uncertainty.

# LIVING OUT OF A SUITCASE

**A STUDY OF 1 PETER LIVE YOUR LIVES AS STRANGERS HERE IN REVERENT FEAR**

# I. THE WAY INTO PRIESTHOOD

- A. Founded On The Stone
- B. Faith In The Stone
- C. Fellowship Of The Stone

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“You will be for me a kingdom  
of priests and a holy nation.”

Exodus 19:6

## II. THE WORK OF THE PRIESTHOOD

### A. Conversations Telling Our God Story

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1 Peter 2:9b-12

BECAUSE YOU LIVE YOUR LIVES AS STRANGERS HERE IN REVERENCE TO THE LORD

“I simply argue that the cross should be raised at the center of the marketplace as well as on the steeple of the church. I am recovering the claim that Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves; on the town’s garbage heap; at a crossroad, so cosmopolitan they had to write His title in Hebrew, Latin and Greek...at the kind of place where cynics talk smut, and thieves curse, and soldiers gamble. Because that is where He died. And that is what He died for. And this is what He died about. That is where church-men ought to be and what church-men ought to be about.” George MacLeod

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- A. Conversations Telling Our God Story
- B. Conduct that Brings God Glory

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“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:9-11

“The best argument for Christianity is Christians; their joy, their certainty, their completeness. But the strongest argument against Christianity is also Christians – when they are somber and joyless, when they are narrow and repressive, then Christianity dies a thousand deaths.”

Sheldon Vanauken