



## SERMON OUTLINE

### NOTES

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## I. INTRODUCTION: WE ARE CALLED TO ENDURE AND EMBRACE UNJUST SUFFERING

- A. If we desire to live for God, we should expect unjust suffering.
- B. We follow Christ's example of enduring unjust suffering.
- C. How can we be prepared for a life like this? Peter provides us hope.

## II. ARMING OURSELVES TO SUFFER BY THINKING LIKE CHRIST (1 PETER 4:1)

- A. To arm is to prepare, expect, and embrace suffering (**1 Peter 4:1a**)
  - B. We arm ourselves to suffer by thinking like Christ
    - 1. Jesus accepted that he would suffer (**Mark 10:32-34, 14:60-65**)
    - 2. Jesus modeled how to endure and respond to suffering (**1 Peter 2:21-23**)
    - 3. Jesus embraced his calling to suffer out of a desire to save us (**1 Peter 3:18**)
    - 4. The ability to think like Christ comes from God (**1 Corinthians 2:12-14**)
- C. Whoever suffers like Christ has ceased from sin (**1 Peter 4:1b**)
  - 1. We are willing to put the Lord ahead of self (**Mark 8:34-35**)
  - 2. A suffering person is not sinless but free from sin (**Romans 6:6-11, 12-14**)

## III. LIVING FOR GOD NOT HUMAN PASSIONS (1 PETER 4:2)

- A. Because we have ceased from sin, we no longer live for human passions
  - 1. Human passions wage war against our soul, causing relational strife (**1 Peter 2:11, 1 Corinthians 3:1-4**)
  - 2. The desires of the flesh are opposed to the Spirit (**Galatians 5:17-21**)
- B. Because we have ceased from sin, we live for the will of God (**Colossians 1:9-14**)
  - 1. Bearing fruit, growing in knowledge, enduring suffering, giving thanks.
  - 2. God has delivered us from the darkness into the kingdom of his Son.

## 1 PETER 4:1-2

*Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,<sup>2</sup> so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.*

## SERMON REFLECTIONS

### ? KIDS+STUDENTS

1. What does it mean to arm yourself?

### ? KIDS+STUDENTS

2. Discuss the different ways in which Jesus suffered and how he handled it.

### ? KIDS+STUDENTS

3. How is it even possible that we can think like Christ?

### ? KIDS

4. How can we be dead to sin but still struggle with sin? What has Christ done to set us free from sin's power?

### ? KIDS

5. What are some examples from your own life where human passions wage war against your soul?

### ? STUDENTS

6. How can we know God's will? How can we live to please him?

### ? STUDENTS

7. What has the Father done for us? Why is this significant as we live for him?