



📖🧠🗣️ 1 Peter 3:8-17 || May 26, 2024  
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Themes on repeat in Peter:

- 1) you the people of God are called to live different and set apart
- 2) The favor of God does not mean that everyone else loves you
- 3) difficult, uncomfortable, unfair circumstances demand we act more like Jesus - not less

There is tension because the world is going to push against you as a believer

Sometimes we feel like we need a reprieve and not act like Jesus as much, to be kind, to forgive, to give grace but Jesus doesn't allow for a seasonal break from obeying him.

📖 1 Peter 3:7-9

The levels of treating others:

"No good deed goes unpunished - return good with bad" 😊😈

"return good for good" 😊😊

"Return evil for evil or bad for bad" 😈😈

—> these are natural and "right" to us

"Respond to evil with good" 😈😊

You are different, do it... bless

We have to resolve the internal tension before the external tension comes. Because the external tension will move you away from what you want.

Example: Peter & Jesus on the water. Peter had not resolved what was going on inside of him so he wasn't able to trust Jesus to walk on water

📖 Luke 22:42 - Jesus resolving the internal storm in him before death

When the internal is settled the external can't effect us

Act like Jesus

📖 Psalm 34:1-3, 11-13 - when someone is evil to you respond with good

Joy is not the absence of suffering, but the presence of God. Elizabeth Elliot

What's the reason for the hope, the joy... you won't sink when everyone else does.

Resolve the internal

Keep your conscience clean

Study the word

A good conscience is the holy confidence to walk with the Lord- to act like Jesus

Jesus I choose you. Boldly. For my life I choose you: help me to be strong, to keep my eyes on you, when that storm rages inside me help me to turn back to you. Amen.