



DAY 36:

PURSUE A CHRISTLIKE CHARACTER

Can you remember a time when you regretted what you said one second after you spoke the word? Maybe you can think of a time when you sent a text that you immediately wanted back the moment you hit send.

We can all think of instances like these. We've all said and done things that haven't been a help to our witness for Christ; they've been a hindrance. The apostle Peter can relate. He was a bold, brash fisherman who wasn't afraid to say and do things that offended others. How could a man like that write a text like this?

The answer is the gospel changed his life. In doing so, God changed Peter. Jesus transformed him into an amazing witness for the gospel. If God could change his life, Peter knew he could change the lives of others.

As Peter writes to Christians living in difficult times, he encourages them to guard their character so they may be a witness for Christ. In fact, he wants their love and good deeds to be so well known that non-believers won't believe an allegation of misconduct against them. This doesn't mean Christians don't fail, but it's a call to live a consistent life of Christlike character so that the light of Christ will shine through us.

Lord Jesus, help me live a life that pleases You. Help others see You at work in me. Please forgive me when I have been a hindrance to the gospel. Give me self-control so I will be a witness for the gospel and others will ask me about the work You're doing in me. In Jesus' name, amen.

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"Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that when they slander you as evildoers, they will observe your good works and will glorify God on the day he visits."

1 Peter 2:11-12