

Standing Firm in the Storms

I Peter - Part 3

Truths to Remember While Enduring

I Peter 4:1-6

Introductory points:

It is sometimes the will of God that we suffer so that we might make much of Christ.

Arm means to make ready/prepare for war.

Three attitude-weapons that should be part of every Christian's arsenal --

Weapon #1 - Christ-like conduct vv. 2-3

Weapon #2 - Understand the plight of the unbeliever. vv. 4-5

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. - 2 Corinthians 5:16

surprised = means to appear strange or to astonish

Weapon #3 - Our efforts are not in vain. v. 6



Study Questions

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Scripture: I Peter 4:1-6

Chapter 4:1-2

Peter gives a personal challenge for believers to have the "same way of thinking" as Christ. What does he mean by this statement?

Verse 2-5 is a look back at the former life without Christ that was devoted to evil practices. How should a believer feel about their past life without Christ?

Chapter 4:3-4

How does looking back at "the time that is past" help believers to orient themselves toward God? How does doing this help us stand firm in our testimony?

Have each person share 3-5 ways people can tell they are a follower of Christ?

Review Romans 8:7-8. In contrast to the follower of Christ, where is the unbeliever's mind set? Since the unsaved are hostile toward God and his people, how can this impact our testimony negatively/positively?

Chapter 4:5-6

Reflect on God being holy and just -this was a "way of thinking" for Jesus. Why is it important for us to think this way?

Application

Have the group share opportunities they have in their week to share their testimony.