

1 PETER

LIVING HOPE IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

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LIVING ON MISSION THROUGH SUBMISSION & SUFFERING | PASTOR STEVE STEELE

“ For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

~ LUKE 19:10 (NLT)

“ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

~ MATTHEW 28:19-20 (NLT)

We are on a _____.

“ But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

‘Once you had no identity as a people;

now you are God's people.

Once you received no mercy;

now you have received God's mercy.’

Dear friends, I warn you as ‘temporary residents and foreigners’ to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.”

~ 1 PETER 2:9-12 (NLT)

We live _____ while living in _____.

“ For the Lord's sake, submit to all human authority - whether the king as head of state, or the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right.

It is God's will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you. For you are free, yet you are God's slaves, so don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil. Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. Fear God, and respect the king.”

~ 1 PETER 2:13-17 (NLT)

We live out _____ in _____.

Living _____ often requires _____.

“ You who are slaves must submit to your masters with all respect. Do what they tell you - not only if they are kind and reasonable, but even if they are cruel. For God is pleased when, conscious of his will, you patiently endure unjust treatment. Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong. But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you.”

~ 1 PETER 2:18-20 (NLT)

We live out _____ in _____.

“ For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps. He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed. Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.”

~ 1 PETER 2:21-25 (NLT)

SO WHAT?

“ Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.”

~ 1 PETER 3:15 (NLT)

Mission isn't _____ we _____ our life. Mission _____ our life.

“ Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.”

~ COLOSSIANS 4:5-6 (NLT)

8 WAYS TO LIVE ON MISSION:

_____ with people.	Talk to _____.
_____, don't drive.	Volunteer for _____.
Be a _____.	Participate in _____.
Get your _____.	Serve your _____.

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- Who is your favorite spy or spy movie? Why?
- Tell of a time in your life when you felt like you were “on a mission”. Nothing else mattered but completing the mission.
How did your mission turn out?
- Read 1 Peter 2:9-25 all the way through out loud. Pause for a minute of silence. Re-read the passage all the way through. Share what one thing stands out to you from the passage.
- Re-read 1 Peter 2:12, 15. When was a time you just kept doing what was good or right regardless of persecution?
What will be the result of doing that according to these verses?
- In what environment (community, workplace, or home) is it easiest for you to live on mission for Jesus? Why?
In what environment do you struggle the most to live on Mission for Jesus and why?
- Which of the 8 ways could you start doing to be on mission for Jesus everyday?