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Already / Not Yet – Our Fellowship

1 Peter 3:8-17

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Peter meets Jesus – Mark 1

Spends three years beside Him

Peter denies Jesus – Luke 22

Peter is restored by Jesus – John 21

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Would you except to read such from a hardened fisherman?

- Unity of Mind
- Sympathy
- Brotherly love
- Tender heart

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One thing that every follower of Christ can relate to:

Living a faithful, Christian life in a world that is hostile to Jesus.

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Peter points out two truths here that we need to grasp for encouragement:

1) Unjust suffering now does not go unnoticed vs. 9-12

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John 6:45 – *for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.*

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2) Any present suffering by us has a future vindication vs. 13-17

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Following Christ guarantees three things:

- 1) You will be eulogized vs. 14
- 2) You will always be prepared vs. 15
- 3) You will be a pleasure to around vs. 15b

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Why should we bother to heed the words of Peter from so many years ago?
Does any of this actually pertain to my life today?

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Your fellowship tells on you in two ways:

- 1) That you are listening to what God's word teaches
- 2) That you are living out what God's word teaches

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Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.