

WE STAND FIRM

A STUDY OF 1 PETER

Responding Like Jesus

1 Peter 3:8-22 | September 27, 2026

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

1 Peter 3:8

» Someone else's behavior doesn't get to determine how we respond. Jesus does.
vv. 8-12

» We live in such a way that makes people curious about Jesus.
vv.13-17

» We can respond like Jesus because our hope is in Jesus.
vv. 18-22

This week:

- We respond like Jesus when people hurt us.
- We respond like Jesus when the world tries to frighten us.
- We respond like Jesus because Jesus has already won!

Have you surrendered your life to Jesus?

NOTES: _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

First Step: October 4 at 9:00 AM

Fall Fest: October 11 at 4:00-6:00 PM

Missions | What in the World is God Doing? October 24 at 9:30 AM

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STUDY QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED:

Think of a time when you were treated unfairly and your first instinct was to fire back. Without getting into too much detail, what did that moment feel like? What did you want to do?

A DEEPER DIVE:

- » Peter opens this section with five characteristics: being like-minded, sympathetic, loving, compassionate, and humble. Which of these five comes most naturally to you? Which one is the greatest challenge?
- » Read 1 Peter 3:9. Peter says we were called to repay evil with blessing. The sermon framed it this way: "Someone else's behavior doesn't get to determine how we respond. Jesus does." What makes that so difficult to live out in real relationships?
- » Peter quotes Psalm 34 to remind his readers that God's eyes are on the righteous and that his ears are attentive to their prayers. How does the belief that God is watching and listening change the way you respond when someone treats you unjustly? How does it encourage you, knowing God is with you in those moments?
- » Peter calls believers to always be prepared to give a reason for the hope they have, but to do so with gentleness and respect – how would you describe the hope you have in Jesus to someone who notices something different about the way you respond to hardship?
- » The sermon referenced Philippians 2:5-9, where Paul describes the mindset of Jesus, who chose not to use his position for his own advantage but humbled himself. How does keeping Jesus' example before us change how we respond when we feel wronged?
- » The sermon made this observation about David: "What made David a man after God's own heart was that he learned he didn't have to swing the sword." Is there a metaphorical sword you are still carrying, something you have been holding on to just in case you need it? What would it look like to lay it down?

NEXT STEPS:

Before you respond to a difficult person or situation, pause and ask yourself: Am I about to give this person what they gave me, or am I about to give them what Jesus gave me? Journal what you notice.

If there are areas of your life you have kept off-limits to him, spend time in prayer this week naming them. Ask God for the courage to fully surrender those specific things.