

RESILIENT FAITH

1 Peter 3:13-17

SERMON SUMMARY:

Every year, teenagers who grew up in the church go off to what is next, and at best, half of them keep their faith. How could it be that after 18 years in the church, many walk away so quickly? In our passage today, Peter explores how to build a resilient faith.

SERMON OUTLINE:

Problem

Upon being tested, many leave the faith.

Ingredients of Resilient Faith

Do good no matter the consequences.

Honor God and do not fear man.

Be prepared to defend what you believe.

Application

God uses suffering and doubts.

Rely on the power of the Holy Spirit.

THINK ABOUT IT/TALK ABOUT IT:

- Share examples of challenges or tests to faith that young people might encounter as they transition out of the church environment.
- How does a commitment to righteousness strengthen one's faith in the face of adversity?
- What does it look like to honor God and not to fear man? Give some examples.
- Why is apologetics important in strengthening and defending one's faith, especially in today's skeptical culture?
- How does 1 Peter 3:13-17 instruct believers to conduct themselves?
- Share personal experiences of how suffering and doubts have contributed to your spiritual growth and resilience in faith.
- Discuss Peter "before" and "after" receiving the Holy Spirit. What can we learn about resilient faith from his story?