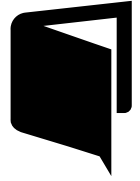


this *exile* life



A SERIES IN 1 PETER

Sunday, February 28, 2021 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 8 | **Live Like Who You Are**

1 Peter 2:11-12

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles

to abstain from the passions of the flesh,

which wage war against your soul.

¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable,

so that when they speak against you as evildoers,

they may see your good deeds

and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Because of **WHO YOU ARE**,

v. 11a



by **Jesus**

Eph. 2:4-6; Romans 5:8; 2 Thessalonians 2:16; 1 John 3:1; 4:9-10

by **us**

John 20:21

*We are sent to love people,
and invite them to follow Jesus with us.*

be **INNOCENT** of evil

v. 11

“Do you mortify; do you make it your daily work; be always at it while you live; cease not a day from this work; be killing sin or it will be killing you.”

– **John Owen**,

“Of the Mortification of Sin in Believers; the Necessity, Nature, and Means of It”

and **EXCELLENT** at what is good!

v. 12

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

– **Jesus in Matthew 5:16**



What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Getting Started

Getting to Know You: Use this guide

for your personal and group study this week. Part of our goal together is getting to know one another. *If you could be on a reality TV show, which one would you choose and why?*

Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

- What do you think your friends and family who aren't following Jesus would say about the reputation of the Christians they know?

What do you think has contributed most to their thinking?

Digging Deeper

1. How does knowing that you're loved change the way you think and live? Why is "Beloved..." such a key word to open 1 Peter 2:11-12?
2. What do the following passages say about how we're loved in Christ? How do they affect your thinking and how you want to live?

Ephesians 2:4-6 Romans 5:8 2 Thessalonians 2:16 1 John 3:1; 4:9-10

3. Peter tells us to abstain from the sinful desires that are at war with our souls. Abstaining can be challenging because each of us has a sin nature that encourages those desires. And we have an enemy (the devil) who is called the "tempter" whose ultimate goal is to get us to disobey God (see Genesis 3). In the following verses, what do you see that can help us consistently win this battle?

James 4:7-8

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

1 John 1:8-2:2

To prevent ourselves from giving in to our sinful desires, we need to set up safeguards and develop strategies. Can you think of any safeguards or strategies you have seen others use at work, at home, or in their personal or social life to help them avoid temptation? If so, explain.

4. As followers of Jesus, we are counted on to do something with what we know. What motivation and/or direction do the following verses give us on how we can continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our community and "keep our conduct honorable" among non-believers??

Ephesians 2:10

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Philippians 2:3

Close with time praying for your group. Each person by name.

Personal Prayer Items



FEBRUARY CHALLENGE

Start a new spiritual habit.

If you're a follower of Jesus, you're holy. You're his. Set apart. Different. Are you living like it? — The way to live like it begins with developing habits that reflect who you truly are. What's a spiritual habit you can work to develop this month? Bible reading? Memorization? Praying Scripture? Write it down and go for it!

Word Find for Matthew 5:11-16 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹¹ **Blessed** are you **when others revile** you and **persecute** you and **utter** all **kinds of evil** against you **falsely** on my **account**. ¹² **Rejoice** and be **glad**, for your **reward is great** in **heaven**, for so they **persecuted** the **prophets** who were before you. ¹³ "You are the **salt** of the **earth**, but if **salt** has **lost** its **taste**, how shall its **saltiness** be **restored**? It is no **longer good** for **anything** except to be **thrown** out and **trampled** under **people's feet**. ¹⁴ "You are the **light** of the **world**. A **city** set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do **people light** a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it **gives light** to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your **light** shine before **others**, so that they may see your **good** works and **give** glory to your Father who is in **heaven**.

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