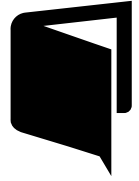


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A SERIES IN 1 PETER

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

Part 12 | **Don't Fear. Love Jesus.**

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats.

¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. ¹⁷ Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!

¹⁸ Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. ¹⁹ So he went and preached to the spirits in prison— ²⁰ those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood. ²¹ And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ²² Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority.

Don't fear **PEOPLE**

v. 13-14

what they might do to you

v. 13; Matthew 10:28; Isaiah 51:12-13

what they might say about you

Isaiah 8:12-13, v. 16; Matthew 5:10-11; Galatians 1:10

— love **JESUS**

v. 15-17

live for him

v. 15-17; 1 Peter 2:12; Deuteronomy 6:5

talk about him

v. 15; Luke 12:11-12

and he will **SAVE YOU.**

v. 18-22

suffers for/with you

Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24; Hebrews 4:15

cleanses you

1 John 1:7-9

rescues you

Isaiah 6=46:4; Romans 7:24-25; Colossians 1:13



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 to Know You

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. *Do you have a morning and/or evening routine? In other words, what do you consistently do every morning when you wake up and/or every evening before bed?*

Getting Started

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 are some subtle or not so subtle ways that people reject one another?
- Would you say that you have a thick or thin skin when it comes to rejection?

Digging Deeper

This week our study will be in a parallel passage from **John 15:18–16:16**. While much of Jesus' last conversation with his disciples up to this point has focused on comfort and encouragement, he did not want his disciples to enter the next phase of their ministry unprepared. Life was going to get hard—and soon. **Read John 15:18–16:16.**

1. List every similarity you see between **1 Peter 3:13-22** and **John 15:18-16:16**.
2. What hardships could the disciples expect according to this passage? Why will people reject Jesus' disciples (**15:18–16:4**)?
3. Jesus says, "All this I have told you so that you will not go astray" (**16:1**). If you had been among those early eleven disciples, do you think you would have had enough information here to endure what lies ahead? Why or why not?
4. In view of the kind of reception Jesus tells his disciples to expect, why do you think he still tells them, "You also must testify [about me]" (**15:27**)?
5. Even though Jesus promises his disciples much hardship ahead, he also offers help. What various forms of help do you find in **16:5–16**?
6. Even when living a life of integrity and obedience we can find ourselves experiencing trials and suffering that can cause us to wonder if God really is at work or even present. How could the following verses help encourage and strengthen you during difficult times?

Romans 5:3-5

James 1:2-4

Romans 8:28-30

Hebrews 11:32-40

7. *As you wrap up, take time to pray for one another. Every person in your group.*

Personal Prayer Items



MARCH CHALLENGE

Memorize 1 Peter 2:24 and Invite someone to an Easter service.

1 Peter 2:24 sums up the Gospel, take time to memorize it as we head toward Easter. — Speaking of which, **Easter is Sunday, April 4.** Who will you invite to join you? Be praying and thinking who you will invite. *We're sent to love people **and invite them** to follow Jesus with us.* Who will you invite?

Word Find for 1 Peter 3:13-18 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹³ Now who is **there** to **harm** you if you are zealous for what is **good**? ¹⁴ But **even** if you should **suffer** for **righteousness' sake**, you will **be blessed**. **Have** no **fear** of them, nor **be troubled**, ¹⁵ but in your **hearts honor Christ** the **Lord** as **holy, always being prepared to make a defense** to

anyone who **asks** you for a

reason for the **hope** that is in you; yet **do** it with

gentleness and **respect**,

¹⁶ **having a good conscience**,

so that, when you are

slandered, those who revile your **good** behavior in

Christ may **be** put to shame.

¹⁷ For it is better to **suffer** for **doing good**, if that should **be** God's will, than for **doing**

evil. ¹⁸ For **Christ** also **suffered** once for sins, the **righteous** for the

unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, **being** put

to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit

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