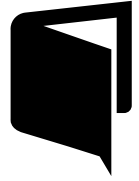


this *exile* life



A SERIES IN 1 PETER

Sunday, April 11, 2021 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 13 | **Decide to Live It**

1 Peter 4:1-6

¹ Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ² so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. ³ For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. ⁴ With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; ⁵ but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

Get your **HEAD ON STRAIGHT**

v. 1-2

think like Jesus

Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:42; Hebrews 12:1-2

it's better to suffer than to sin

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

and **LIVE FOR GOD**

v. 2-4

live like Jesus

Matthew 6:10; 1 Peter 1:14; Philippians 2:12-13; 1 John 2:3-6

*“When the **good-thing** becomes a **god-thing** it's a **DEADLY** thing.”*

Romans 12:1-2; Romans 6:23

some will not understand you, Jesus does

John 15:18-21

— **JUDGMENT** *is* coming.

v. 4-6

all will answer to Jesus

Romans 14:12; Matthew 12:36, 16:27; 2 Cor 5:10; Acts 10:42

You will experience Birth & Death a Total of 3 Times.

2 Peter 3:9; John 3:1-3; John 11:20-27; Revelation 20:14; Revelation 2:11; John 14:6



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. *If you could instantly become an expert in something, what would it be?*

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.

Digging Deeper

1. The Bible gives us a number of reasons why our new lifestyle of “no longer living for the flesh” is the best thing for us. What motivations can you find in the following passages to help keep you from sin and its consequences?

Galatians 6:7-8

Hebrews 12:7-11

2 Corinthians 5:10

Psalms 119:1-2

Which of these do you personally find most motivating to you? Which is least motivating?

2. In order for us to consistently obey God and no longer live for the flesh, we need more than knowledge, willpower and effort. We also need the power that only God provides. How does each verse below connect our obedience to God with his provision of motivation and power to obey him?

Philippians 2:12-13

Galatians 5:16-26

John 15:4-5

What challenges do you face in tapping into God's power to live the Christian life?

3. Some people won't understand why we live the way we do. They love the darkness rather than the light because they love to sin. What do you learn about how to live in the midst of people like this from Paul's instructions in Ephesians 5:15-21?

As you close, spend time praying for each person in your group.



APRIL/MAY/JUNE CHALLENGE:

Gather, Grow, Go!

We want to see every person who calls Wawasee home do 3 things:

1. **Gather** regularly on Sunday mornings. (Hebrews 10:25).
2. **Grow** by getting connect in a growth ministry like a Life Group, Forge, Women's Bible Study, etc. Don't just show up, *grow up!* (1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Heb. 5:12)
3. **Go** serve somewhere! Wawasee Bible will *never* feel like family to you until you're linking arms and serving somewhere. **Where are you serving?** More than ever, we need people willing to serve. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

How are you doing at these three things? Do you need to **Gather** and show up more regularly? Do you need to **Grow** up and get connected in a Life Group? Do you need to **Go** and get off the sidelines and into the game so that you can contribute rather than just consume?

This spring your challenge is to take some tangible steps to *Gather, Grow, & Go!*

Word Find for 1 Peter 4:1-6 (NLT)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹ So **then**, since **Christ suffered physical pain**, you must arm yourselves with the **same attitude** he had, and be **ready to suffer**, too. For if you have **suffered physically** for **Christ**, you have **finished** with sin. ² You won't **spend** the **rest** of your **lives chasing** your own **desires**, but you will be **anxious** to do the will of God. ³ You have had **enough** in the past of the **evil things** that **godless people enjoy**—their **immorality** and **lust**, their **feasting** and **drunkenness** and wild **parties**, and their **terrible** worship of **idols**. ⁴ Of **course**, your former friends are surprised when you no longer plunge into the flood of wild and destructive **things** they do. So they slander you. ⁵ But remember that they will have to face God, who stands **ready** to judge everyone, both the **living** and the **dead**. ⁶ That is why the Good News was preached to those who are now **dead**—so although they were destined to die like all **people**, they now **live** forever with God in the Spirit.

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