



Be Prepared

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TODAY'S READING: 1 Peter 3

Just so we do not take this scripture out of context, 1 Peter is talking about the response we should have to suffering and persecution for righteousness sake. We need to set our hearts aside as a place where Jesus Christ is fully honored. Peter is writing to those who already have an understanding that Jesus is Lord. He reminds us that we are called to live our lives in total submission to Christ even in suffering.

When we accepted Christ, we were set apart from the world. Those who are around us will see the difference if we truly live for Christ, even in suffering. The thing that sets us apart is hope. Peter anticipates that the people we interact with each day will become curious. They will become so curious they will be eager to understand what we have in our lives.

Sharing your faith can sometimes be scary. That is why we need to be ready to give a defense. The Greek word for *defense* is where we get *apology*, or *apologetics*. There are many tools you can use to share your faith. One method I use to share my faith is called 3 Circles. Pastor Jeff has shared it several times in church, and it is what I teach three to four times a year in our conversational evangelism event on Saturday mornings. The next class will be Saturday, October 1.

You can also download an app on your phone that will help you share the 3 Circles. It is a step-by-step process along with the scriptures. The app is called **Life on Mission**. Just a reminder, if you are a Christ-follower, if you have accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, you have a defense. Do not go out into the world without a battle plan!

PRAYER: Father, help us be ready to give a defense of the hope we have and explain why we made the choice and how others can do the same.

TOMORROW'S READING: 1 Peter 4

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