

Highpoint Bible Study
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Living with Resolve
I Peter 3:13-18
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Text: *“And who will harm you if you are deeply committed to what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear or be disturbed, but honor the Messiah as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. However, do this with gentleness and respect, keeping your conscience clear, so that when you are accused, those who denounce your Christian life will be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God, after being put to death in the fleshly realm but made alive in the spiritual realm.” – I Peter 3:13-18*

What does it mean to be resolved? It is to be firm in purpose or intent; to be determined.

POINT: Everyone suffers, but believers suffer constructively. (v13)

POINT: Believers don’t fear the same things as everyone else. (v14)

POINT: Fear produces self-protection & self-deception.

POINT: Faith produces selflessness & new identity.

POINT: Believers live by heart-felt devotion & intelligent preparation. (v15)

- Why do you _____? & Why don’t you _____?

POINT: Jesus suffered in God’s will for our salvation. (v17-18)

To Recap: We can be a resolved people, even with the reality of suffering in our midst by: 1) Allowing our suffering to further develop us;

2) Fearing God, not our circumstances;

3) Letting our love for Jesus be seen in having our words & actions be in alignment.

Also by knowing the “why” behind what we believe;

4) Understanding that God’s will for us is better than our will for ourselves.

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