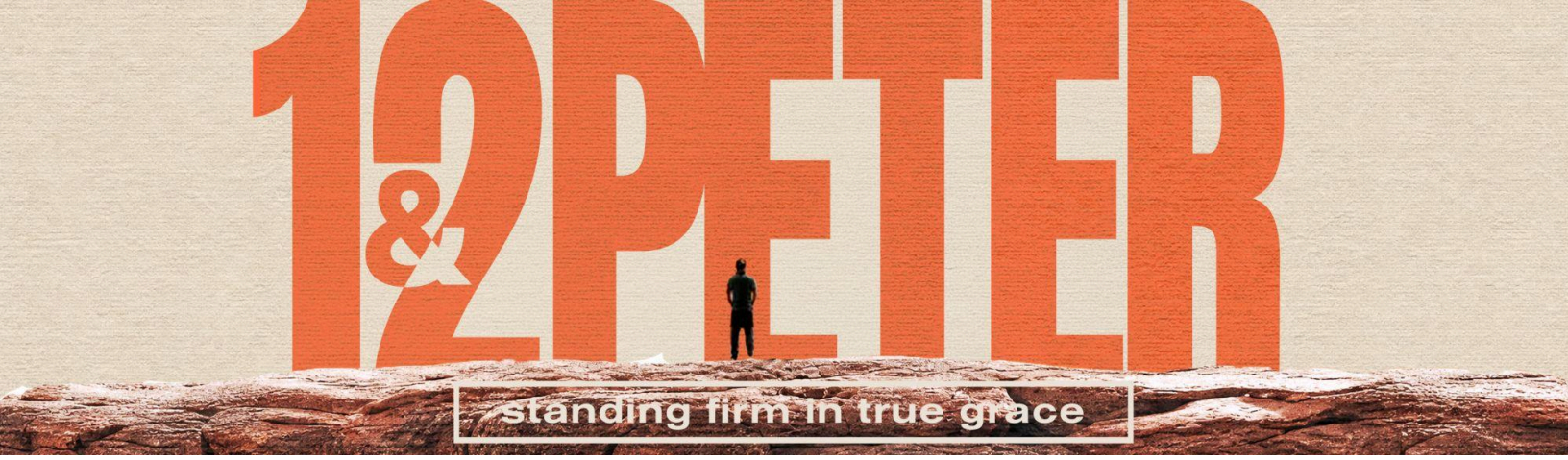


Living for God in a World That Doesn't

1 Peter 4:1-6 | Thomas Slager

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GROW IN FAITH

1. In this passage Peter tells believers to expect suffering. Peter says, "arm yourself." Should we be prepared to suffer for Christ? How?
2. Peter uses the phrase, "ceased from sin" in 1 Peter 4:1. What is he talking about? Do believers cease to commit sins after they are saved? After they suffer?
3. Pastor Thomas posed a question that reflects what Peter alludes to in verse 2: If you knew Christ was returning in three days, what would change in your life? Your behavior? Your attitude? Why is it difficult to live as though your time is short?

CONNECT IN COMMUNITY

5. Verse 4 addresses how others respond to us because of our faith. How do people view your faith? How do you respond to invitations that might compromise your faith and hinder others from seeing Christ in you? Are Christians to isolate themselves from non-believers?
6. One of the most difficult things for a believer to do is to see others as Christ sees them. This means sharing love and kindness even when others attack you and your faith. How can we show love to those who would "malign" us as verse 4 says?

LIVE ON MISSION

7. Peter talks about the big picture in verses 5-6. All will have to give an account for their actions, words, and deeds. Our first thoughts might be, "Great, they will get what is coming to them." Why is this not the response Christ had as He suffered?
8. Have you ever considered that your suffering might be used by God to lead someone to Christ?