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Don't Give Up
1 Peter 3:13-22

1 Peter 1:1 *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen...*

How do you live for Christ in a world that is against you, or against grace, or against Christ?

1 Peter 3:8-9 *To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; ⁹not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.*

How to respond to hurt:

1 Peter 3:13-14a *Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed.*

I. _____
1 Peter 3:14b *AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED...*

II. Make _____
1 Peter 3:15a *...but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts...*

III. Be Ready to Speak _____
1 Peter 3:15b *...always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;*

IV. Keep a Good _____.

1 Peter 3:16 *... and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.*

1 John 3:21-22 *Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.*

The Reason We Don't Give Up: _____

1 Peter 3:17-22 *For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong. ¹⁸For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; ¹⁹in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, ²⁰who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. ²¹Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.*

Main Point:

Field Notes: Reflections From Outside



1. What do you fear? How does knowing that in Christ you win dispel your fear?
2. Who sits as Lord of your heart? What would happen if you set apart Jesus as Lord in your heart? How would Jesus' rule change the way you feel, act, think, believe?
3. Are you ready to share the hope you have? Work this week on a 3-minute narrative of your experience of faith?
4. What would it look like to keep a good conscience?

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