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Roughing It Outside
1 Peter 3:13-22

How do you know if you're going in the right direction in life?

1 Peter 3:13-14a *Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed.*

1 Peter 3:12-13 *For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. Who, then, is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?*

- The real answer to Peter's rhetorical question--
- *makarios*--

1 Peter 4:12-13 *Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.*

How to stay the course on a rough road:

I. Do not _____

1 Peter 3:14b *"Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened."*

II. Let Jesus _____

1 Peter 3:15a *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.*

- *hagiasate*--

III. Be prepared to _____

1 Peter 3:15b *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...*

- a. Your Experience--
- b. The Gospel--

IV. Keep a clear _____

1 Peter 3:16-17 *...keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.*

Why stay the course? _____

1 Peter 3:18-22 *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.*

Main Point: _____

Field Notes: Reflections from outside



1. What rough road is making you second-guess God right now? Where do you feel like giving up?
2. What do you fear? How does knowing Christ's victory dispel your fear?
3. Who drives your life? Who sits as Lord of your heart? How would Jesus' rule change the way you feel, act, think, believe, navigate?
4. Are you ready to share the hope you have? Work this week on a 3-minute narrative of your experience of faith.
5. Has your faith in Christ ever cost you something?
6. On what rough road is Christ calling you to stay the course?