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The Outsider's Battlepath
1 Peter 4:1-11

Has a wrong turn ever led you to a place you didn't want to go?

The Outsider's Battlepath:

I. The battlepath _____

1 Peter 4:1-2 *Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. ² As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.*

II. The battlepath _____

1 Peter 4:3-6 *For you have spent enough time in the past doing what Gentiles choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. ⁴ They are surprised that you do not run with them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. ⁵ But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.*

1. The inner battle-- _____

- Debauchery--
- Lusts--
- Drunkenness--
- Orgies--
- Drinking parties--
- Idolatry--

2. The outer battle-- _____

III. The battlepath _____

1 Peter 4:7-11 *The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

6 Mile Markers:

1. Be spiritually alert--
2. Show love--
3. Be hospitable--
4. Figure out your gifts & use them--
5. Speak wisely--
6. Serve humbly--

Main Point: _____

Field Notes: Reflections from outside



1. What mindset is leaving you trapped?
2. Where are you engaged in the inner battle against the "desires of the Gentiles"? Where are you engaged in the outer battle with those who are drawing you back to what you are used to?
3. Where in life are you trying to pursue two roads at the same time?
4. What old road is wasting your time? What do you need to leave behind in order to follow Christ more closely? Whose help do you need?
5. Which mile marker can you intentionally focus on making a part of your path this week?

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