

Living in Exile
“Now What?”
I Peter 2:11-12

I Peter 2:9-10 *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

I Peter 2:11-12 *Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.*

Truth #1: This world is not our home.

I Peter 2:11 *Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles ...*

Philippians 3:20 *But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,*

Colossians 3:2 *Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

My Response: Allow who I am to shape the way that I live.

Illustration: Being in China, the concept of personal space is so different.

Truth #2: Abstain from the passions of our flesh.

I Peter 2:11 *Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh ...*

Galatians 5:19-21 *Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.*

James 1:14-15 *But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death*

Illustration: Picture 1 (fishing)

My Response: I must prepare for battle.

I Peter 2:11 *Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.*

Galatians 5:22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control*

Romans 13:14 *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

Philippians 2:3-5 *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,*

“Repent quickly. The sooner the better. For one thing, you do not want to lose your intimacy with God. For another, you know the enemy is going jump all over you when you blow it and you don’t want to get hammered by that for days, weeks, months, years. Also, you are after freedom; the longer you wait to repent, the deeper a hold the sin gets in you. Repent quickly”- **John Eldredge**

Truth #3: Those around us are worth the fight.

I Peter 2:12 *Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.*

My Response: I stay in the battle because God deserves glory from those around me.

Matthew 5:16 *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

“The world takes its notions of God, most of all, from the people who say they belong to God’s family. They read us a great deal more than they read the Bible.”- **Alexander MacLaren**