

Living in Exile: Faithful Living in a Faithless World
I Peter 3:13-17

Big Idea: How do I live faithfully in a faithless world?

“As the culture continues to shift, followers of Christ are being forced to address new facets of a very old challenge—how to be faithful to Scripture in an increasingly hostile environment. We must think, speak, and act in a way that's informed by the gospel and the Word of God. This means being okay, or rather expecting, that our actions will not be met with applause.” - **David Platt**, Counter Culture

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Instruction #1 Live faithfully without fear.

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Instruction #2 Live surrendered to the lordship of Christ.

I Peter 3:15 *but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy ...*

“Every time you pray you must be aware that if God answers your prayer and reveals His will to you, it will immediately require you to reorient your life.”- **Henry Blackaby**

Instruction #3 Live knowing why you believe what you believe.

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Instruction #4 Live consistently what you say you believe.

I Peter 3:16 *having a good conscience ...*

Proverbs 10:9 *Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.*

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