

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (ESV) 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, 6 being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.
- 1 Peter 4:1-11

Thinking Like Jesus

Christ suffered in the flesh

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2:24: bore our sins in his body

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2:24: wounds

2:21: suffered for you

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2:23: reviled

2:23: suffered

3:18: put to death in the flesh

- Christ suffered in the flesh
- Peter has made this point repeatedly to the elect exiles
- 1:19: blood of Christ
- 2:4: rejected by men
- 2:21: suffered
- 2:23: reviled, suffered
- 2:24: bore our sins in his body
- 2:24: wounds
- 3:18: suffered once for sins
- 3:18: put to death in the flesh

Thinking Like Jesus

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die to sin & live
to righteousness

2:24: wounds

return to Shepherd
& Overseer

3:18: sacrificed once for sins

bring us to God

3:18: put to death in the flesh

- But why?
- 1:18: ransomed from futile ways
- 2:4: in the sight of God chosen and precious
- 2:23: entrusted himself to him who judges justly
- 2:24: we might die to sin and live to righteousness
- 2:25: returned to Shepherd and Overseer of your souls
- 3:18: bring us to God

Arm yourselves

- 4:1: arm yourselves with the same way of thinking
- Arm yourselves
 - (CWSB Dictionary) In the NT, only in the mid., *hoplízomai*, to prepare oneself for a work, to arm oneself, take up arms; used metaphorically in a moral sense with the acc. (1 Pet. 4:1).
 - (Theological Dictionary of the New Testament (Abridged - Little Kittel)) *hoplízō*. This word means 'to prepare,'
 - The only NT use (1 Pet. 4:1) is figurative; here the idea is that of arming oneself with a mind or thought in preparation for suffering.

Arm yourselves

- What lessons does Peter give us about thinking like Jesus when facing suffering or in the midst of suffering?
 - Matthew 16:21-23 (ESV) 21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” 23 But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Arm yourselves

- Arm yourself is preparing yourself for ACTION!
- Four emphasis:
 - Ceasing from Sin
 - Living for the Will of God
 - Above all ... one another
 - Glorifying God in everything

Thinking Like Jesus

Ceasing from Sin

- Unexpected!
- What possible connection could there be between coping with suffering and ceasing from sin?

Thinking Like Jesus

Ceasing from Sin (human passions)

- 1 Peter 4:1-3 (ESV) for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. 3 For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in
- passions: craving or longing - mostly evil desires
 - TDNT: impulse, lust, anxious self-seeking
- note the contrast: “live for ... human passions” vs. living for the will of God

Thinking Like Jesus

Ceasing from Sin (human passions)

- ▣ debauchery
- ▣ evil desires
- ▣ drunkenness
- ▣ carousing
- ▣ drinking bouts
- ▣ wanton idolatries

- 3 (ESV): sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.
- 3 (NET) You lived then in debauchery, evil desires, drunkenness, carousing, drinking bouts, and wanton idolatries.
- What is Peter warning us about with these passions?
 - They are still considered normal ... fun, expected behavior
 - Excess is often excused — if it's not engaged in too often
 - Usually considered mostly harmless.
- Essentially self focused
 - indulging our most basic desires
 - immediate fulfillment
 - engaging with others, group dynamic

Thinking Like Jesus

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- } Gentiles

- 3: Gentiles (non-believers)
- 4 With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; 5 but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

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↳ Surprised you don't join

- 3: Gentiles (non-believers)
- 4 With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery
- This shows how normalized this behavior
 - Not just as extreme
 - But often as social customs
- Note also the group dynamic
 - They don't want to be alone
 - Join them
 - That way it seems less bad.

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- and they malign you (blasphemeo)
 - VILLIFY
- Partially this explains the suffering ...
 - Not just physical
 - persecution is not just physical
 - But also being mocked and excluded and speak evil of us (false accusations)

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They will give account!

- 5 but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.
- This is part of what strengthens us
 - God will one day judge the living and the dead
 - So we do not seek vengeance, we do not revile, nor do we threaten
 - Like Jesus we entrust ourselves to him who judges justly (2:23)
 - But also so that they may be saved (6)
 - So we have hope
 - for our salvation
 - that Jehovah will deal with those who speak against us
- Arm Yourself!

Thinking Like Jesus

Living for the Will of God

- In contrast to living for fulfilling our human passions
 - 2 so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.
- What does it mean to live for the will of God?
 - How does it help us to cope with suffering?
- 7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.

Thinking Like Jesus

Living for the Will of God

© end of all things is at hand

- 7 The end of all things is at hand
 - Living for the will of God looks beyond this world and this life
 - Luke 12:20-21 (ESV) 20 But God said to him, Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be? 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Thinking Like Jesus

Living for the Will of God

© end of all things is at hand

- Perspective is important
 - Too often those of the world see only this world, and only this moment as being important: wealth, legacy, pleasure
 - But this world will end, but it's not all that there is
 - 2 Peter 3:4 They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."

Thinking Like Jesus

Living for the Will of God

© end of all things is at hand

© self-controlled

- 1 Peter 4:7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.
- Self-controlled
 - (CWSB Dictionary) By implication to be sober-minded, to think and act soberly, discreetly, to use sound judgment and moderation, to be self-disciplined (Rom. 12:3; Titus 2:6; 1 Pet. 4:7).
 - “clear minded” (Hendrickson)
 - To not be carried away in the pursuit of the immediate and give in to the moment fulfilling our passions.
 - This is the opposite of the human passions that he already discussed.

Thinking Like Jesus

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- Sober-minded
 - (Theological Dictionary of the New Testament (Abridged - Little Kittel)) *néphō* means acknowledgment of the reality of revelation and discharge of the resultant ministry in worship, hope, love, and conflict.
 - 1 Peter 1:13 (ESV) 13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Thinking Like Jesus

Living for the Will of God

⊙ end of all things is at hand

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- 7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.
- Prayers
 - Matthew 26:39-42
 - 39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

Thinking Like Jesus

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- 40 And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping.
 - And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour?
 - 41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.
 - The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
- 42 Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”
- Third time: same words

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Thinking Like Jesus

Living for the Will of God

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⊙ sober-mind

⊙ prayers

- Consider your prayers
 - What do your prayers focus on?
 - Are you praying with a focus on things that please yourself?
 - Or are your prayers about living for the will of God?
 - Are you honest about your desires?
 - Are you willing to surrender your will to his?
 - Do you look forward to that which is spiritual?
 - Eternal life, salvation, hope
 - Do you recognize the reality that suffering may ensue?
- Arm yourself!
- Three Specific aspects of Living for the Will of God.

Thinking Like Jesus

Above All

- 8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.
- First concern
 - God's will is not just about what we pray, but how we live.
 - Part of that living is to cease from sin.
 - But it's also about how we live our lives positively.
 - For many of us, what was emphasized was turning from sin and not much else.
- Peter points us to being so much more
 - To being exceptional
 - To being active
 - To giving the Gentiles a reason to think it strange that we are different, but is such a good way.

Thinking Like Jesus

Above All

♥ loving one another

- 1 Peter 4:8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.
 - Keep Loving
 - God is love.
 - Love is the greatest of these
 - John: If we don't love, we hate

Thinking Like Jesus

Above All

♥ loving one another

- Earnestly: to stretch out, to the limit of our strength, exertion
 - Opposite is slight effort, or ineffective effort
 - Do you pay lip service to loving your brother and sister?
 - Or are you trying as hard as you can?

Thinking Like Jesus

Above All

♥ loving one another

- Covers Sin (from Proverbs 10:12)
 - There are times when we do that which is wrong.
 - Do we react with love and mercy? Or despite and judgment?
 - One builds up, the other destroys.
 - Loving one who sin is very difficult and it takes all our effort.
 - But if we are willing to be patient and to forgive

Thinking Like Jesus

Above All

♥ loving one another

- Peter is not saying that we ignore sin at all.
 - Love covers sin (maybe a reference to atonement?)
 - We tend to point at those who sin and appeal to others to look also
 - On youtube: Fail Videos
 - Love runs to the one who has fallen. Rescues, cares, comforts them.
 - Provides a place of safety where they can recover and return to God.
 - Rather sin is dealt with in such a way that a brother is gained, unity is preserved, and God is glorified.
- Arm Yourself!

Thinking Like Jesus

Above All

♥ loving one another

♥ showing hospitality to one another

- 9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.
- showing hospitality
 - welcoming of others into our homes
 - but really our lives and our hearts
 - physical expression of our care
 - making time in our lives for others
- without grumbling
 - because it takes money
 - because it takes time
 - because it's tiring
- Hospitality helps us to grow in our love for each other.
- Arm yourself!

Thinking Like Jesus

Above All

♥ loving one another

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♥ serving one another

- 1 Peter 4:10-11 (ESV) 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—
- Serving defines disciples of Jesus
 - Matthew 20:28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Thinking Like Jesus

Above All

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- Peter sees this serving as using the grace God has given to us
 - What a blessing it is that we have gifts given to us by God (Ephesians 4:6)!
 - Will we be good stewards?
 - Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)
 - Good and faithful servant: faithful over a little, enter into joy of master
 - labor
 - suffering
 - active effort
 - Wicked and slothful servant: cast out
 - did practically nothing

Thinking Like Jesus

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- Speak as oracles of God
 - teaching, encouraging, admonishing (with love!)
- Serve with strength that God supplies
 - helping, kindness, hospitality
- Are you using the gift God has given you among us?
 - Too often we become busy with other things
 - Don't neglect to find ways to help each other.
 - Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)
- Arm yourself!

Thinking Like Jesus

Glorifying God

- 11 in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Thinking Like Jesus

Glorifying God

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1 Peter 4:11

- In Everything God may be glorified
 - Remember that Peter is talking about coping with suffering. Enduring the suffering.
 - Thinking like Jesus
 - When Jesus was suffering on the cross, was he glorifying his Father?
- So as we find ourselves in the midst of suffering ... thinking like Jesus
 - Is God glorified by my life?
 - Ceasing from sin
 - Living for his will
 - Above all: loving, showing hospitality, serving one another

Thinking Like Jesus

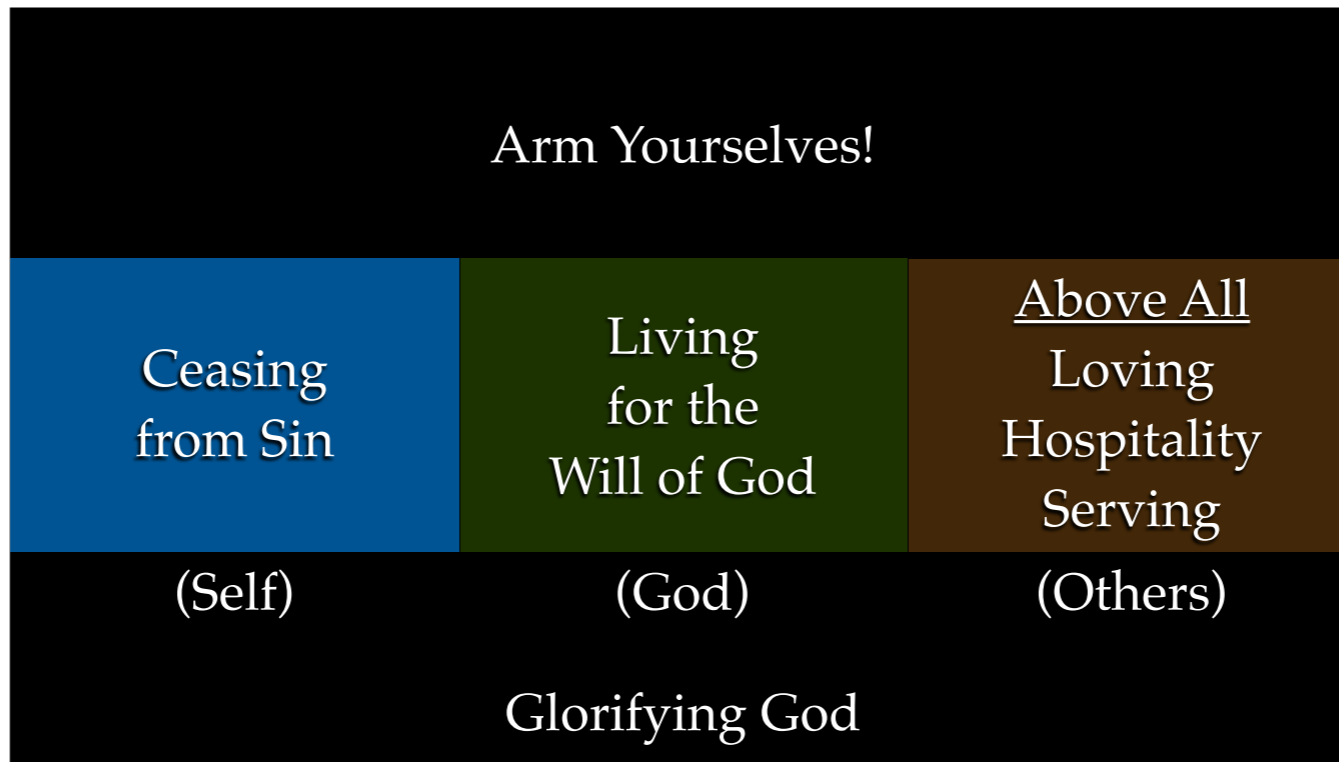
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1 Peter 4:11

- Peter's prayer: To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- glory, though suffering
- dominion, though suffering



- Prepare for Suffering
 - Armed for action.
- Cease from sin — don't live your life just for your own pleasure
- Live for the Will of God — focus on God's will and prayer
- Loving, Hospitality, Serving

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Arm Yourself

1 Peter 4:1-11

Synopsis: Peter continues his encouragement about how we cope with the suffering that comes to Jesus' elect exiles. Now he tells us to arm ourselves with the same thinking as Jesus. In this case he points out four important areas: ceasing from sin, living for God's will, above all loving, showing hospitality, and serving one another. In doing all these things, God is glorified.

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