

Dual Citizenship 09/02/25
Part 5: Our Call To Suffering In The World
1 Peter 3:8-4:19

Introduction

In what ways is our society like that of the people Peter was writing to and in what ways is it different?

Take your time to read through 3:8-4:19

Bible discussion:

1. What kinds of trials are “according to God’s will” and which are not? (4:19)
2. How do you think God responds to our self-inflicted trials?
3. What does leading an exemplary life mean for you in your specific circumstances?
4. How might trials result in opportunities to defend, witness or speak up for our faith? Give examples.
5. How did Peter fail to make a defence and what happened subsequently? (This is recorded in all four gospels, see for example Mark 14:66-72, also John 21:15-19)
6. How does his failure both challenge and encourage us?

7. How does Jesus' example help us? (3:17-22)
8. *Optional question:* Who are in the "imprisoned spirits" in 3:19? (See 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude v6)
9. What is the ultimate motive for living an exemplary life, making a defence and doing good? (4:17)

Conclusion:

What's the one thing God wants you to take into the coming week or month from this study? Pray for one another if you are meeting in a group.

Share your thoughts with someone if you are not meeting in a group.