

Series: Keeping the Faith through Tough Times – Part 10 of 13
Scripture: 1 Peter 4:1-11
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WHAT DO I DO IN THE MEANTIME?

Peter gives us six instructions to help us live for God in the midst of trials...

1. MAKE A _____ FROM SIN

- We're to be _____ with sin!
1 Peter 4:1 *Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin.*
- Live according to _____ will.
1 Peter 4:2 *As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.*
Mark 3:35, Hebrews 10:36, 1 John 2:17
- Let go of _____ .
1 Peter 4:3 *For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do--living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. [4] They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, 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 men in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.*

2. KEEP THINGS IN _____

1 Peter 4:7a *The end of all things is near.*

What does it matter if the end is near?

1. It matters because our suffering is not _____.
James 5:8 *You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.*
2. It matters because _____ is coming.
3. We should continue to _____ Jesus until he returns.

3. _____
1 Peter 4:7a *Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.*

Four reasons to pray about your problems...

- For spiritual strength to resist _____. *Matt. 6:13*
- For _____ and _____. *Rom. 12:12*
- For _____ from our distress. *Psalms 91:14-15*
- For _____. *Philip. 4:6-7*

4. _____ ONE ANOTHER

1 Peter 4:8 *Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.*

5. BE _____ TO ONE ANOTHER

1 Peter 4:9 *Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.*

6. _____ ONE ANOTHER

Peter says we serve one another by...

- _____ your gift...
1 Peter 4:10 *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*
- Serving with all _____ strength...
1 Peter 4:11a *If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides...*
- Serving so God will receive _____!
1 Peter 4:11b *...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.*