



LESSON FIVE:

The Companionship of a Christian

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Text: I Peter 3:1-14

Introduction: We are currently studying through the book of I Peter. His theme is the encouragement of Christians in suffering. Rome was just starting to persecute the Christians, and Peter in his wisdom chose to prepare them for this spiritual battle. He wants to address some spiritual issues, provide an explanation for the “fiery trial” (**I Peter 4:12**), and lift up the community of believers. Peter views the suffering of Christians through the agonies of Jesus, and recognizes the divine purpose of Christian suffering in light of the atonement of Christ. I believe he wanted Christians to establish an unstoppable faith. Specifically, we will be looking at the companionship of a Christian in our lesson today. Let's study together

Discussion:

I. Practical Advice For Wives (3:1-6)

- A. Wives should yield to their husbands.
- B. Wives should consider their powerful example.
- C. Wives should see their own inward beauty.
- D. Wives should consider the example of Sarah.

II. Practical Advice For Husbands (3:7)

- A. Husbands should be understanding.
- B. Husbands should be respectful.
- C. Husbands should be considerate.
- D. Husbands should be cautious.

III. Practical Advice For All Believers (3:8-14)

- A. Christians should seek unity.
- B. Christians should not say evil things.
- C. Christians should not do evil things.
- D. Christians are abundantly blessed.

Conclusion: Every Christian should have an unstoppable faith. You can run us over. You can hurt us. You can even kill us. But, you will NOT stop us. We are Jesus strong! We are filled with the Spirit of God! And, we have a hope that will keep us motivated to move forward. How's your faith? Have you committed your life to Christ?

WORD OF THE DAY = "COMPANIONSHIP"