



1 Peter 3:17-22

STILL STANDING - Apr 26, 2026

Message Recap

There are seasons when what we see feels louder than what God has said. When doing the right thing still leads to pain, it's easy to assume God is absent or that obedience isn't worth it. But Peter reminds suffering believers to shift their perspective: don't judge your life only by what's visible.

Jesus didn't just suffer...He suffered *and won*. His death brought us to God, His resurrection secured victory, and now He reigns over every power. When life feels unclear, we don't anchor ourselves in what we don't understand...we anchor ourselves in what Jesus has already made clear.

So we're called to:

- Look higher than what's happening
- Stay anchored in what Jesus has done
- Stand confident under the rule of Jesus

Icebreaker / Personal Reflection

- **Icebreaker:**
When people ask you for help, what do they usually need help with?
- **Reflection:**
What part of the message resonated with you the most?

Discussion Questions

- **When have you experienced doing the right thing but still facing difficulty or pain? How did it affect your view of God in that moment?**
- **The message said, "When information is limited, our conclusions can be limiting." Where are you most tempted to draw conclusions based only on what you can see?**
- **Peter points us to Jesus' suffering as part of the Christian story—not an exception. How does that challenge or reshape your expectations of following Christ?**
- **Noah stayed faithful in a culture that didn't listen. Where do you feel "outnumbered" in your faith right now?**

- **Where do you see performance or pressure creeping into your relationship with God?**

For Additional Study

Romans 8:31–39 NIV

- What does this passage say about God’s commitment to you, even in difficult seasons?
- How does knowing that nothing can separate you from God’s love change how you interpret your current struggles?

2 Corinthians 4:16–18 NIV

- What is the difference between focusing on what is seen versus unseen?
- How can you practically “fix your eyes” on eternal truth this week instead of temporary circumstances?