


1 Peter 4:1-6

The Will of God



Suffering
Grace
Glory

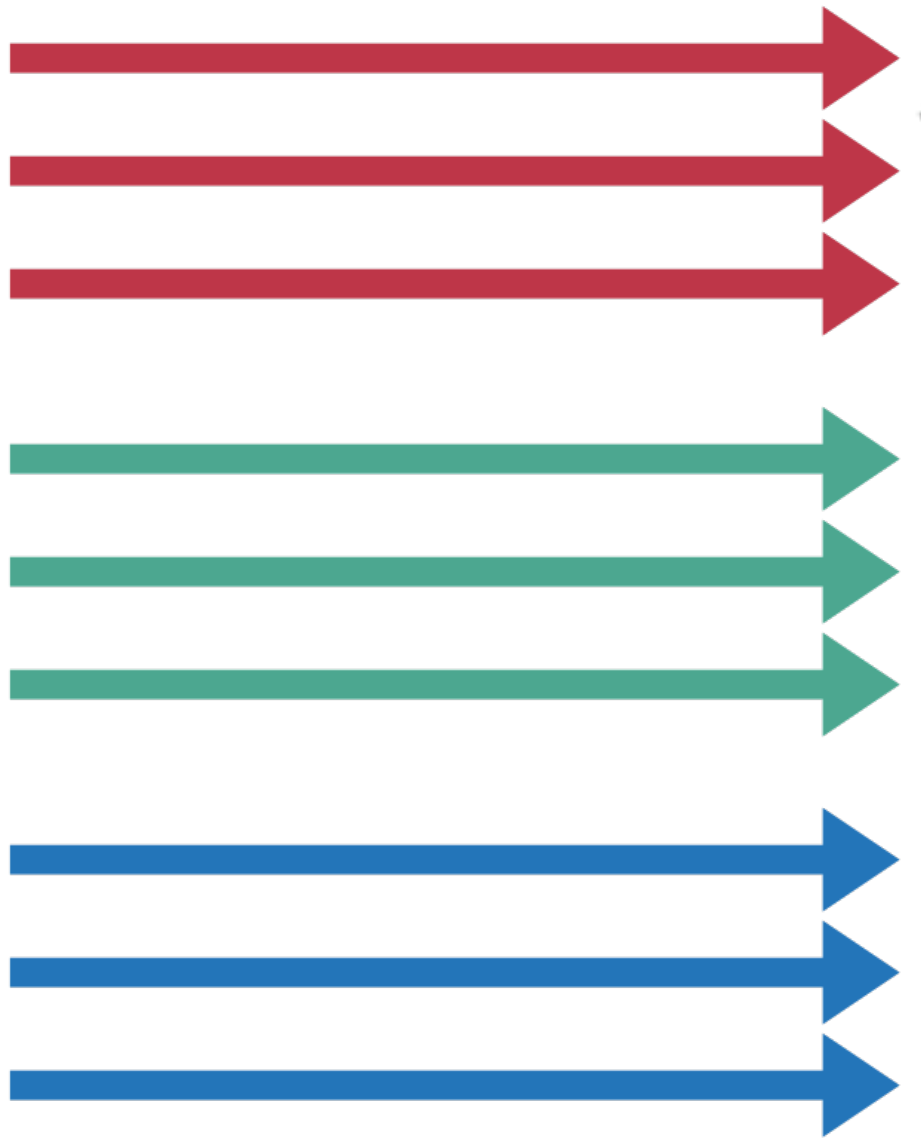


The Conversation Flow

Following the Holy Spirit:
Loving as Christ has loved
Loving Others by **Speaking**
The Truth in Love
to One Another
Helping Others **Do** what God
has Called Them to Do

Do

Sin *Surrender*



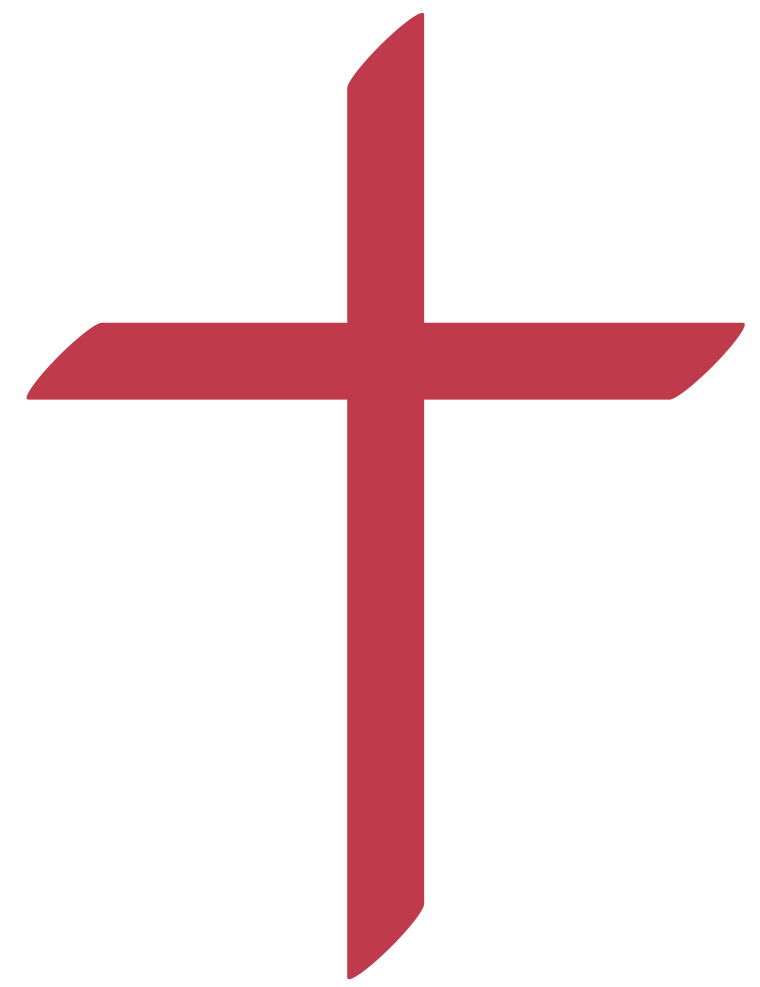
Speak

The Gospel
The Priorities



1 Peter 4:1-2 Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 so as to **live** the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but **for the will of God.**

- Surrender yourself (lay down your life) for God's purposes.
- Arm yourself. **Submit** yourself. **Give** yourself. **Prepare** yourself.
- Those who have given their lives for Christ have victory.
- Sin is taking away from God's glory with our earthly nature on the throne & missing out on God's purposes in selfish living.
- Living in the will of God is doing life under God's direction.



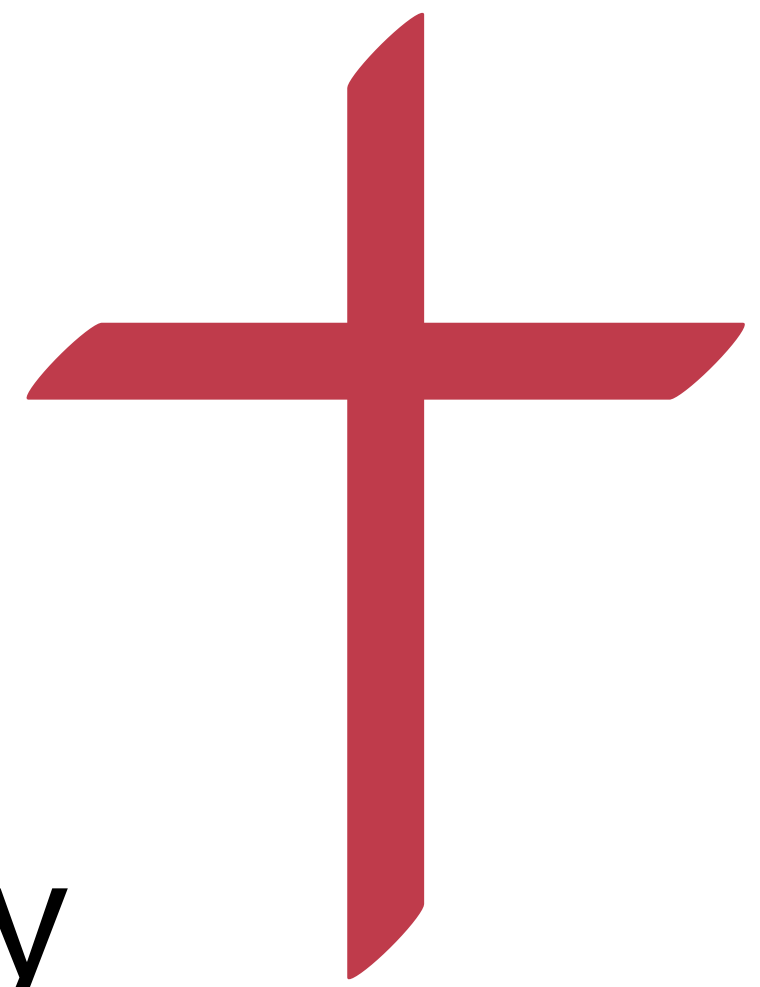
1 Peter 4:3 For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries.

- The way of the Gentiles was not the way of the God of Israel.
- For God's sake & for others' sake, don't pursue a course of life that doesn't glorify The King. Don't waste your life.
- Sexual impurity, substance abuse & exalting anything above The King in our lives stunts our growth & kingdom growth.



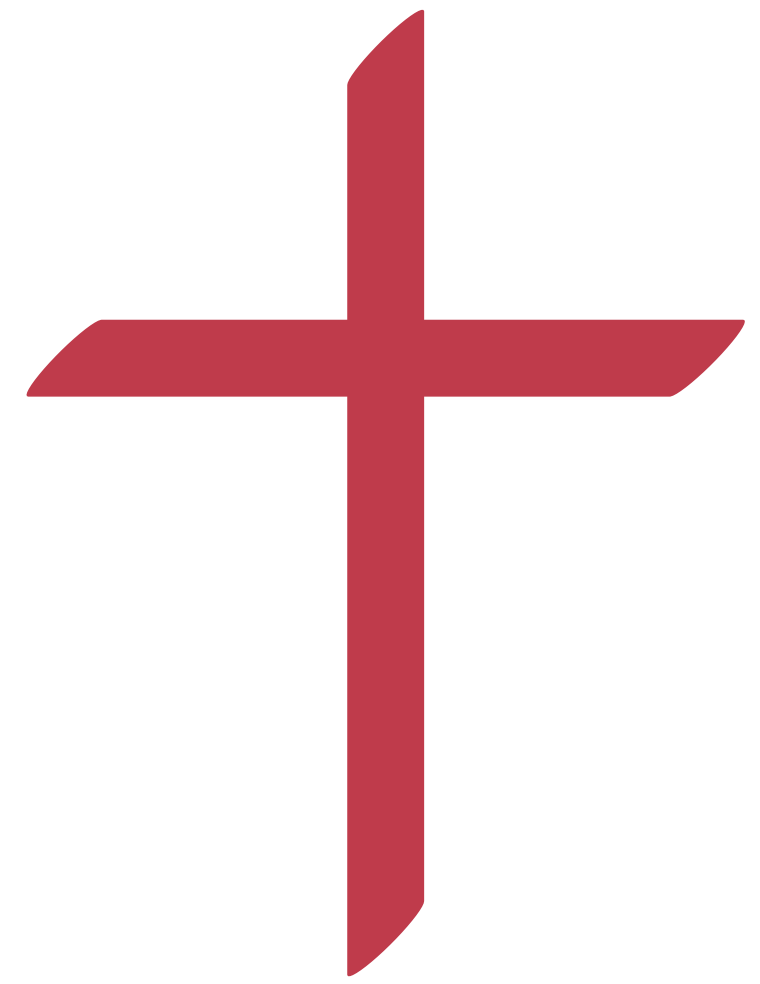
1 Peter 4:4 In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you; **5** but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

- Surprise people with your love for The King & His kingdom.
- Surprise people by fixing your eyes on things above (The King & His kingdom), not things below (in this world).
- Expect persecution and expect temptation.
- Find comfort in your relationship with The King, the judge.
- Don't have an unhealthy fear of man but a healthy fear of God.



1 Peter 4:6 For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to the will of God.

- The gospel has been proclaimed for generations.
- The early Christians in Asia Minor died a long time ago.
- The gospel gives us hope & courage in living and dying.
- God offers abundant life with Him that leads to eternal life so fearing God has more lasting promise than fearing man.



Practical Application & Action Steps:

1. Imitate Christ. Know that “What Would Jesus Do?” goes all the way to the cross.
2. Look different. Be people in need of change helping people in need of change.
3. Use life. Establish a plan for personal ministry and practice it.