**“Why Must I Suffer?” #7**

June 28th 2020 ----- 1 Peter 3:8-17

**When the Right Move is Difficult to Make**

The Right Attitude (1 Peter 3:8)

The Right Response (1 Peter 3:9)

The Right Pursuit (1 Peter 3:10-12)

Keeping the Right Attitude (1 Peter 3:13-15)

Enduring through the Right Response (1 Peter 3:16)

Trusting the Right Pursuit (1 Peter 3:17)

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Questions for discussion on 1 Peter 3:8-17

*Group leaders: You have the freedom to ask & answer questions "out of order" or simply choose which to discuss.*

1. How have the relationships covered in 1 Peter 2-3 tested or pushed your faith in Christ in recent years? Pick any of these to share about: the Church, believers, government, those in authority over you, your marriage, family, etc.
2. Read 1 Peter 3:8. When Peter says, “All of you;” who do you think he is talking to? What does that mean for you?
3. Of the right attitudes listed in v. 8, which ones are most challenging for you? Which come most naturally to you?
4. Read. vv.9-12. What is your natural response when injustice is done against you by another person? Do you fight, ignore, protest, diffuse, criticize, pretend, etc.? How should pursuing God rightly shape your view of justice?
5. How do you see God’s goodness and justice playing out in v.9-12? How should this encourage us when we are hurt or challenged in relationships with other people?
6. Read vv. 13-15. Why is it hard to maintain the right attitudes (v.8) when we suffer as “innocents” or when we are simply trying to be faithful to following God well?
7. Read v.15 again. This verse is often used as a verse for apologetics, defending the faith to unbelievers; is that context/ situation that Peter is discussing? If not, what is the situation? And what is the “hope” we are to defend?
8. Read v.9 and v.16. What are we to do when people hurt us, even when we are doing the right thing? Why is it hard not to react in a “fight or flight” mode?
9. What good could come from someone being ashamed for how they treated you? Where is justice in all of this?
10. Read v.17. Why would a loving God ever desire for you to suffer for doing good? What does that tell you about God’s love for you? For others? Even about Himself?