Series: Living Hope
Passage: 1 Peter 3:8-12
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1 Peter 3:8-12(ESV)

Suffering for Righteousness' Sake

8 Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. 9 Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 10 For

"Whoever desires to love life
and see good days,
let him keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from speaking deceit;
11 let him turn away from evil and do good;
let him seek peace and pursue it.
12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

1. Name a good relationship that you have. What are the characteristics of that relationship? Name a bad relationship that you have. What are the characteristics of that relationship?

2. Peter gives 5 commands to guide our interpersonal relationships (verse 8). What stands out to you most about these five commands?

3. Where are these five characteristics present in your life? Is there a particular area where God is encouraging you to grow?

4. Why is it difficult to not repay evil with evil but instead with good (verse 9)?

5. Why do you think that God wants his people to respond to evil with good?

6. What Old Testament passage are verses 10-12 cited from? Find that passage and read it in his original context. Does it give you any clarity in the meaning of Peter's message?

7. How does this scripture point to the <u>living</u> <u>hope</u> of Jesus?