

**HOW SHOULD A SOJOURNER RESPOND TO SUFFERING?
LETTING CHRIST RULE YOUR HEART
1PETER 3:15-17**

- I. **REVIEW: UNDERSTAND THAT EVEN IF YOU SHOULD SUFFER, YOU ARE BLESSED, (3:13-14a)**

- II. **MAKE CHRIST LORD OF YOUR HEART RATHER THAN YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES,** knowing that He might just use your right responses as the foundation for redemptive opportunities **(14b-17)**
 - A. *Review:* **DO NOT FEAR OR BE SHAKEN (14b)**

 - B. **But rather SET CHRIST APART AS LORD OF YOUR HEART (15a-17)**
 - 1. Set Him apart, **HAVING A READY DEFENSE to why you have hope inside**—knowing your good behavior will give you opportunities to share Christ (15)

 - 2. Set Him apart, **KEEPING A GOOD CONSCIENCE, not sinning but suffering according to His will (16-17)**

Next Week

- III. **REMEMBER WHAT CHRIST'S EXAMPLE OF PURPOSEFUL SUFFERING BROUGHT ABOUT FOR US:** Sins forgiven and Satan defeated **(3:18-22)**
 - A. **He suffered and died** for sins once for all to bring us to God and defeat Satan and his minions (18-19)
 - B. **Noah's example of purposeful suffering (20)**
 - C. **Noah's salvation by the ark is a type of our salvation in Christ (21-22)**