

Surviving Life
“Dealing with Wounds” (15)
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Text: 1 Peter 4:1-11

As we continue to move through Peter’s godly counsel we are again reminded that to SURVIVE LIFE as a genuine, visible, active Christ-follower will mean dealing with wounds. You and I will suffer in some capacity for our faith in Jesus Christ.

Peter provides us with at least four (4) practices that will help each of us tremendously.

1. FAMILIARIZE SELF WITH CHRIST’S M
– v.1 *“Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking...”*

Some of you may say, ‘I know what Jesus did and said, but, I don’t want to forgive those people who’ve hurt me. They don’t deserve it.’ In many ways you’re probably right but, remember:

- GOD HAS ALREADY F_____ Y_____.
- YOU’RE GOING TO NEED F_____ IN THE F_____.
- YOU’RE NEVER GOING TO IMPACT OTHERS U_____ YOU LEARN TO F_____.

2. FOCUS ON G - v.2 *“...for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,² so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.”*

Q. – What are some points of application for us as we FOCUS ON GOD?

- YOU WILL M_____ OVER SINFUL TENDENCIES.
- YOU WILL W_____ A_____ FROM PAST PRACTICES.
- YOU WILL BE PREPARED TO G_____ A “G_____” ACCOUNT TO THE LORD WHEN YOU STAND IN J_____.

3. FACE THE F (don’t be looking back)
– v.7 *“⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers..”*

4. FORGE DEEP F – v.8-11
You’re not alone in this world. When he made Adam and put him in the Garden of Eden He said, "It's not good for man to be alone..." We need each other. God never meant for you to be a Lone Ranger.

