



Our Time to Shine!

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Text: 1 Peter 4:1-6

Passage Summary: As we grow to become greater Christlike witnesses, in our hearts we desire to move from lambs to lions in these last days, but we are often caught off guard by one of the primary _____ God uses to bring about this _____!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that lambs grow to become more like lions in their witness for Christ as they _____ the God ordained role of _____! (4:1-6)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to the God ordained role of suffering...

- It is _____ (v.1-2)

See that suffering...

Requires a Christlike _____! (v.1a)

“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.”

1 Peter 2:21

Leads to a Christlike _____! (v.1b-2)

“Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word.”

Psalms 119:67

“It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.”

Psalms 119:71

Remember: When it comes to suffering, Job shows us a great example of what it looks like to _____ ourselves with the _____ of Christ; “But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.” (Job 23:10)

- It often _____ when our former life before Christ comes to an _____! (v.3-4)

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

Matthew 16:24

Remember: When it comes to suffering, a life lived for the honor of Christ will open the door to it, but that same door also serves as a Divine _____ that you are doing something right, and at the same time a Divine _____ “to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”! (1 Peter 3:15)

- It brings the _____ and _____ of the gospel to bear on a non-believing world! (v.5-6)

“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

Hebrews 4:13

Remember: When it comes to suffering, it really is true, the _____ the hour, the _____ the light of Christ shines, or as Paul put it to the Philippians, as “you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life-“ (Philippians 2:15-16)

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine that since time is short and can never be replaced, that through God’s enabling this will be your _____ to _____ for Christ, “For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do-“ (1 Peter 4:3)

“As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.”

John 9:4