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SURVIVING THE RESISTANCE

1 PETER 3:13-14

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”

PETER'S FOUR TIPS FOR COURAGEOUS SURVIVAL:

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1 PETER 3:15a

15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.

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- 2. Know what you believe and why**

1 PETER 3:15b

15 ...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

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- 2. Know what you believe and why**
- 3. Handle your critics with care**

1 PETER 3:15c-16

¹⁵ ...But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1 PETER 3:17-18

17 For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. **18** For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

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- 1. Decide whose side you are on**
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- 3. Handle your critics with care**
- 4. Personalize Jesus' triumph for yourself**

1 PETER 3:18b-20a

¹⁸ ...He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built.

“A wonderful text is this, and a more obscure passage perhaps than any other in the New Testament, so that I do not know for a certainty just what Peter means.”

- Martin Luther

1 PETER 3:19-20a

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1 PETER 3:20b-22

²⁰ ...In it [the ark] only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.

1 PETER 3:20b-22

It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

**13 Who is going to harm you
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1 PETER 3:13



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