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Follow Me? Where Are We Going?
Study of 1 Peter

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The gospel doesn't remove us from the world—it forms us into a people who live differently from the world.

- If you follow Jesus long enough, you will eventually feel out of place.
- That isn't failure. That's faithfulness.

HOLY THINKING IN A CONFUSED WORLD

1 Peter 1:13 *Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded,...*

- Satan rarely begins by changing your behavior.
- He begins by changing your thinking.
- The sin in Genesis 3 wasn't first about eating fruit - it was about believing lies.
- Our culture doesn't tell people what to think.
- It teaches them not to think deeply at all.
- Because confused minds produce compromised lives.

HOLY HOPE IN A TEMPORARY WORLD

1 Peter 1:13 ... *set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

- The good gifts God brings are nice, but they make terrible gods, because every one of them eventually disappoints.

HOLY LIVING IN A SELF-OBSSESSED WORLD

1 Peter 1:14-16 ⁴*As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,* ¹⁵*but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,* ¹⁶*since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."*

- You have a new Father; you should begin looking like your Father.
- Your heavenly Father is holy. If you follow Jesus, you are going to start to look holy.
- The world doesn't pursue holiness. It pursues autonomy.
- The highest authority has become the self.
- The Christian isn't trying to become more authentic to himself.
- He is becoming more conformed to Christ.

HOLY FEAR IN A CARELESS WORLD

1 Peter 1: 17-21 ¹⁷ *And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,* ¹⁸ *knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,* ¹⁹ *but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.* ²⁰ *He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you* ²¹ *who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*

- Live every day remembering that God sees everything.
- The blood of Christ means your salvation was infinitely expensive.
- If salvation cost God His Son, then holiness must matter.

HOLY LOVE IN A DIVIDED WORLD

1 Peter 1:22-23 ²² *Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,* ²³ *since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;*

- The church is different. It's built around one Savior, one blood, one Spirit.
- That changes everything.

HOLY FOUNDATIONS IN A DYING WORLD

1 Peter 1: 24-25 ²⁴ *for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls,* ²⁵ *but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.*

Peter quotes Isaiah ...Grass, Flowers.

- Everything the world builds eventually crumbles.
- Everything God builds endures forever.
- The question isn't whether you're being disciplined. It's by whom.