Living Strong -week 6

Living for God

1 Peter 4:1 -19

1. Jesus suffered.

*Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.* ***1 Peter 4:1-2***

* You may suffer too.

*Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.* ***1 Peter 4:12***

1. How to live strong during difficult times:

*So then, those who suffer according to God's will, should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.* ***1 Peter 4:19***

* Trust God’s judgement.

*For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to men in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit…For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?* ***1 Peter 4:6 & 17***

* Exercise self -control.

*The end of all things is near. Therefore, be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.* ***1 Peter 4:7***

* Love others.

*Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.****1 Peter 4:8***

* Serve God by serving others.

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.  If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.* ***1 Peter 4:9-11***

* Rejoice

*But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.****1 Peter 4:13-16***