

A Congregational Prescription for Troubled Times
1 Peter 4:7-11
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To be drafted into God's Kingdom is to join the counter-culture.

We are in the world, but not of the world.

They see us and our way of life as a threat, and they attack us. (2 Timothy 3:12)

How do we support one another in the midst of church militant?

When is the end of all things?

Peter advises the church in light of present suffering and future judgment.

Focussed Prayer

We are to think clearly when times are difficult.

Live in light of the goal, the finish line.

See your present dire circumstances from an eternal perspective.

Don't let persecution hinder your prayers.

Stretching Love

Love earnestly - it means, to be stretched, to strain earnestly.

"Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses." (Proverbs 10:12)

Instead of condemning your brothers and sisters, love them.

Most love is fish love.

We are to love one another even when it is difficult.

Hospitality

Open your hearts to people in need.

Sacrificially Serve

Gifted, Fitted Service. Do what you are good at.

Minister the Grace of God to one another, in its varied forms.

This world is not our home, but the church family should be.