"Wisely Arm Yourself"

1 Peter 4:1-6

Sermon Summary. . .

Be prepared to suffer instead of returning to your former life before Christ.

Keys to Remaining Steadfast When Facing Suffering . . .

- Be <u>encouraged</u>: Suffering out of loyalty to Jesus means you have <u>triumphed</u> over sin.
 - So, live not for the pursuit of human passions.
 - So, live for the pursuit of the God's <u>purposes</u>.
- Be <u>aware</u>: Suffering out of loyalty to Jesus often has a <u>social</u> dimension.
 - You will be misunderstood.
 - You will be **maligned**.
- Be <u>confident</u>: Suffering out of loyalty to Jesus will be addressed at the <u>judgment</u>.