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**Sermon Title:***“Posture of the Persecuted”*

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 3:13-17

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1. As a rule, those who do good to others experience less suffering and persecution.

***Scripture:*** *(I Peter 3:13)*

**1a**. Avoiding suffering and persecution is not a for those who walk in

 righteousness**.**

***Scriptures:*** *I Peter 3:14; Matthew 10:24-25; Acts 10:37-38*

1. The suffering we face for righteousness’ sake is for a .

***Scriptures:*** *I Peter 3:17; Romans 8:28*

1. God purposefully uses persecution as an opportunity to His children.

  ***Scriptures:*** *I Peter 3:14-15; 1:6-7; 4:12-14; Matthew 5:10-12*

1. amidst persecution is only possible if Christ is .

 ***Scriptures****: I Peter 3:14-15; Isaiah 8:12-13*

1. God purposefully uses persecution as an opportunity for .

 ***Scriptures****: I Peter 3:15; Matthew 11:28-30*

1. God purposefully uses persecution as an opportunity to .

 ***Scriptures:*** *I Peter 3:16*

**Questions to Consider:**

1. How has this passage impacted your view of possible persecution you may face as a believer?
2. How does this passage help us *“prepare our minds for action”* should we face persecution?
3. How might prayerful meditation of this passage, and the possibility of facing persecution, help us to better stand in the face of it?