

3. Remember your living hope, vv5-6

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There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine  
When I behold His face!  
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
And every longing satisfied.  
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
For I am truly home.

1 Peter 4:1-6  
Sunday, 1st August '21

**Introduction**

"Men wanted for hazardous journey. Low wages, bitter cold, long hours of complete darkness. Safe return doubtful. Honour and recognition in event of success." (Quoted in Being the Bad Guys, p.32)

Then [Jesus] called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.' (Mark 8:34)

"When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die..."  
(Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

1 Peter 4:1

1. **Prepare to suffer, vv1-2**

1 Peter 3:18

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- arm yourselves

2. **Resolve to leave your old life behind, vv3-4**

"Any amount of past sinning is enough. If you sinned a little before you were converted, it's enough. If you sinned a lot and for many years before your conversion, it's enough. You can never sin so little that you could say, 'I need some more time to sin.'" (John Piper, <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/arming-yourself-with-the-purpose-to-suffer>)

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