

cross fit

finding wholeness in a broken world

desert breeze
community church



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Sermon Notes

1Peter 4:1-6 "Armed & Dangerous"

To be an armed and dangerous Christian is to be so equipped, fortified & prepared with the Gospel to not only face the challenges of life and not fail in times of crisis but to do some major damage to the kingdom of darkness by kicking down the gates of hell not just in your life but also in the lives of others (Matt16:13-19).

Exhortation to be Armed & Dangerous: vv1-2 (What it means)

- Be willing to suffer rather than sin v1; Heb11:24-26, 12:2-11

- Live for God's will rather than yours v2; Rom14:7-8; Luke6:46; Matt7:21-23; Pro3:5-6; Matt17:20

Motivation to be Armed & Dangerous: vv3-6 (How to become)

- ✓ Cut ties with the PAST v3; Phil3:12-16; Ps103:12

- ✓ Stand strong in the PRESENT v4; Pro29:25; 1Cor15:33; Eph5:15-18

- ✓ Be ready to give an account in the FUTURE vv5-6; Rom14:12; Heb4:13; Matt25:14-30

Growing Notes

1) Anyone who has ever played team sports has had those occasions when your own team mates accuse you of being the best player for the other team. Explain. How can that also be true in the Christian life (Mark14:10-11, 66-72)? Both Judas & Peter failed but why was Peter the only one to make a full recovery (2Cor7:10-11)? What do you think it means to be "armed and dangerous" as a Christian in a positive way (Matt16:13-19)?

2) Read 1Peter 4:1-6. Being armed and dangerous as a Christian means being willing to suffer rather than sin (v1; Heb11:24-26). Explain. How is the power of sin's promise broken by the power of God's? What does it tell you about a person's God when they are willing to suffer rather than to give-in to sin?

3) Being armed and dangerous as a Christian means living for God's will rather than yours (v2; Rom14:7-8). Explain. How does diligently obeying all that God commands (Luke6:46; Matt7:21-23) whether you agree or not and patiently accepting all that God sends into your life (Pro3:5-6) whether you understand or not also a part being armed and dangerously living for God's will?

4) Review the three points under Motivation to be Armed and Dangerous. What does it mean and how important is it to cut ties with the PAST (v3; Phil3:12-16; Ps103:12)? Standing strong in the PRESENT is not being like the world in its debauchery (v4; Pro29:25; 1Cor15:33; Eph5:15-18). Explain. How will being ready to give an account in the FUTURE make a difference in how you live your life today (vv5-6; Rom14:12; Heb4:13; Matt25:14-30)? How can you become more armed and dangerous for the Kingdom of God? Pray that db becomes more armed and dangerous!