

Armed With the Same Purpose

Reflection

Peter calls believers to arm themselves with the same purpose as Christ. Jesus was willing to suffer in order to fulfill the will of the Father and bring salvation to humanity. Peter is not necessarily calling every believer to die as a martyr, but he is calling Christians to live with unwavering commitment to Christ regardless of the cost. Faithfulness to God must become greater than the desire for comfort, approval, or safety.

Illustration

A soldier prepares for battle before stepping onto the field. Preparation and commitment determine how someone responds when hardship comes.

Application

Ask yourself whether your faith is rooted more in comfort or commitment. Are there areas where fear or convenience keep you from fully following Christ?

Prayer

Lord, help me to live with the same purpose and commitment that Christ demonstrated. Give me courage to remain faithful no matter the cost.