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1 Peter 4:1-2 (NIV)

Armed

That is what I want to be. **What do you want to be?** I want to be armed with your mind. I want to be able to think your thoughts. I want to think thoughts that are good and right and pure and true. **That is a very good desire that you have in you. Why is it so important for you to think my thoughts?** I live in a hostile and sinful world. The thoughts and attitudes, patterns and practices of the world wage war against my soul. Daily, my mind is being bombarded by the world. The world would like me to be molded according to its patterns and practices. The world desires that I think and speak and act like everyone else in it. Without your mind, I am left with my mind. My mind is not strong. My mind is not powerful. My mind cannot withstand the onslaught and constant bombardment that the world launches against it. Without your mind, I will think and speak and act like everyone else in the world. Without your mind, I will live a sinful and worldly life. **That would not be good.** No, it would not.

How will you arm yourself with my mind? I think only you can arm me with your mind. **How will you allow me to arm you with my mind?** I will leave the world behind. I will put off the world, along with all its patterns and practices. I will draw near to you. I will submit my heart and mind and life to you. I will meet with you in your word. I will allow your word to change my heart and transform my mind. I will allow your word to form your thoughts and words and actions in me. I will allow your word and your Holy Spirit to fight in me, with me, for me and through me. Your word will make me able to stand against temptation and resist evil. I will put on the new life I have in you. I will follow you to where you lead me to do whatever you ask of me. I will be at your service. I will be ready for your use. I will live the life you are calling me to live. I will no longer live for earthly and human desires. I will live to know and do your will. That will be my goal. That will be my purpose. That will be my prayer. **That will be very good. That will be a prayer that I will answer for you.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, I know I am living in a sinful and hostile world. I know I will suffer simply because I am one of your followers. I also know that the attitudes, patterns and practices of the world wage war against my soul. Arm me with your mind so I can live my life fully for you. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Arm Yourselfes*

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

NIV 1 Peter 4:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *Arm Yourselfes*

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

ESV 1 Peter 4:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *Arm Yourselfes*

So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too. For if you have suffered physically for Christ, you have finished with sin. You won't spend the rest of your lives chasing your own desires, but you will be anxious to do the will of God.

NLT 1 Peter 4:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *Arm Yourselfes*

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God.

NKJV 1 Peter 4:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *Arm Yourselfes*

Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

NRSV 1 Peter 4:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *Learn To Think*

Since Jesus went through everything you're going through and more, learn to think like him. Think of your sufferings as a weaning from that old sinful habit of always expecting to get your own way. Then you'll be able to live out your days free to pursue what God wants instead of being tyrannized by what you want.

MSG 1 Peter 4:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *Arm Yourselfes*

SO, SINCE Christ suffered in the flesh *for us, for you*, arm yourselves with the same thought *and* purpose [patiently to suffer rather than fail to please God]. For whoever has suffered in the flesh [having the mind of Christ] is done with [intentional] sin [has stopped pleasing himself and the world, and pleases God], So that he can no longer spend the rest of his natural life living by [his] human appetites *and* desires, but [he lives] for what God wills.

AMP 1 Peter 4:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *Have The Same Attitude*

Since Christ suffered and underwent pain, you must have the same attitude he did; you must be ready to suffer, too. For remember, when your body suffers, sin loses its power, and you won't be spending the rest of your life chasing after evil desires but will be anxious to do the will of God.

TLB 1 Peter 4:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *Arm Yourselfes*

Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

NASB 1 Peter 4:1-2

Becoming Like Christ *Strengthen Yourselfes*

Since Christ suffered while he was in his body, strengthen yourselves with the same way of thinking Christ had. The person who has suffered in the body is finished with sin. Strengthen yourselves so that you will live here on earth doing what God wants, not the evil things people want.

NCV 1 Peter 4:1-2

Arm Yourself

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – 1 Peter 4:1-2

In Context: Read 1 Peter 4

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What does it mean to arm yourself with the mind of Christ?

How are you thinking and acting differently because your mind is aligned with the mind of Christ?

How are you now no longer living for your own comfort and pleasure because you have the mind of Christ?

When have you suffered simply because you were living as a follower of Christ, in a sinful and hostile world?

How are the attitudes, patterns and practices of this world attempting to wage war against your soul?

How has it become the utmost and highest desire of your life to know and do the will of God?

How are you denying the desires of your flesh so you can live according to the Spirit?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Arm yourself with the Mind of Christ so that you will be able to live for the Lord in a sinful and hostile world.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that having the mind of Christ will arm you with the ability to live for Him in a sinful and hostile world.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how being armed with the mind of Christ has helped you to live for Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you arm yourself with the mind of Christ so you can live your life fully for Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will arm myself with your mind so I can live fully for you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I arm my mind with yours so that I can live fully for you today?
