

## **Live Audaciously for God**

1 Peter 4:1-6

1. Arm yourself with rich gospel understanding.
  - a. Deepen your understanding of Christ's death.
  - b. Deepen your understanding of your death with Christ.
2. Leave worldliness behind.
3. Live audaciously for God.
  - a. Live in light of your purpose.
  - b. Live in light of judgment.



*First Peter*

*To God's Chosen Ones*

A white rectangular card is placed on a dark brown wooden surface. A light brown wooden clothespin is clipped to the top edge of the card. A piece of light brown twine is looped around the clothespin and extends across the top of the frame. The card features the text "Live Audaciously for God" in a large, dark blue, cursive font, and "1 Peter 4:1-6" in a smaller, dark blue, cursive font below it.

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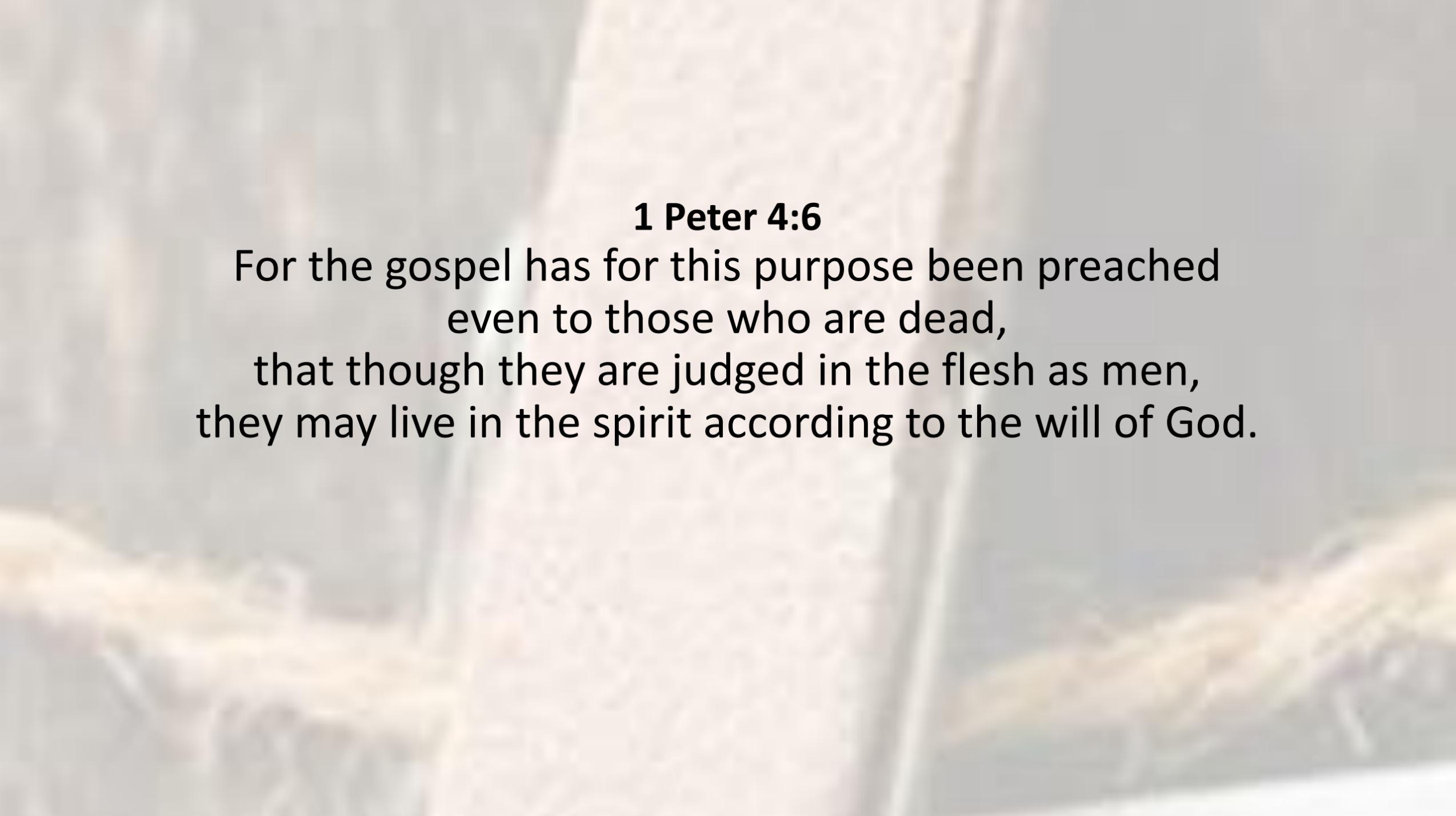
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### **1 Peter 4:1-2**

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.

### **1 Peter 4:3-5**

For the time already past is sufficient  
for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles,  
having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness,  
carousals, drinking parties and abominable idolatries.  
And in all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them  
into the same excess of dissipation, and they malign you;  
but they shall give account to Him who is ready to judge  
the living and the dead.



**1 Peter 4:6**

For the gospel has for this purpose been preached  
even to those who are dead,  
that though they are judged in the flesh as men,  
they may live in the spirit according to the will of God.

# Big Idea:

When you arm yourself  
with rich gospel understanding,  
you will leave worldliness behind  
and will live audaciously for God.

# **Audacious**

Extremely bold or daring;  
recklessly bold in defiance  
of convention.

# **Armed for Life**

Arm yourself with rich gospel  
understanding.

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that one who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,  
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Jesus understood;  
deepen your understanding  
of what He knew.

**Arm Yourself with the Gospel**

*Deepen your understanding  
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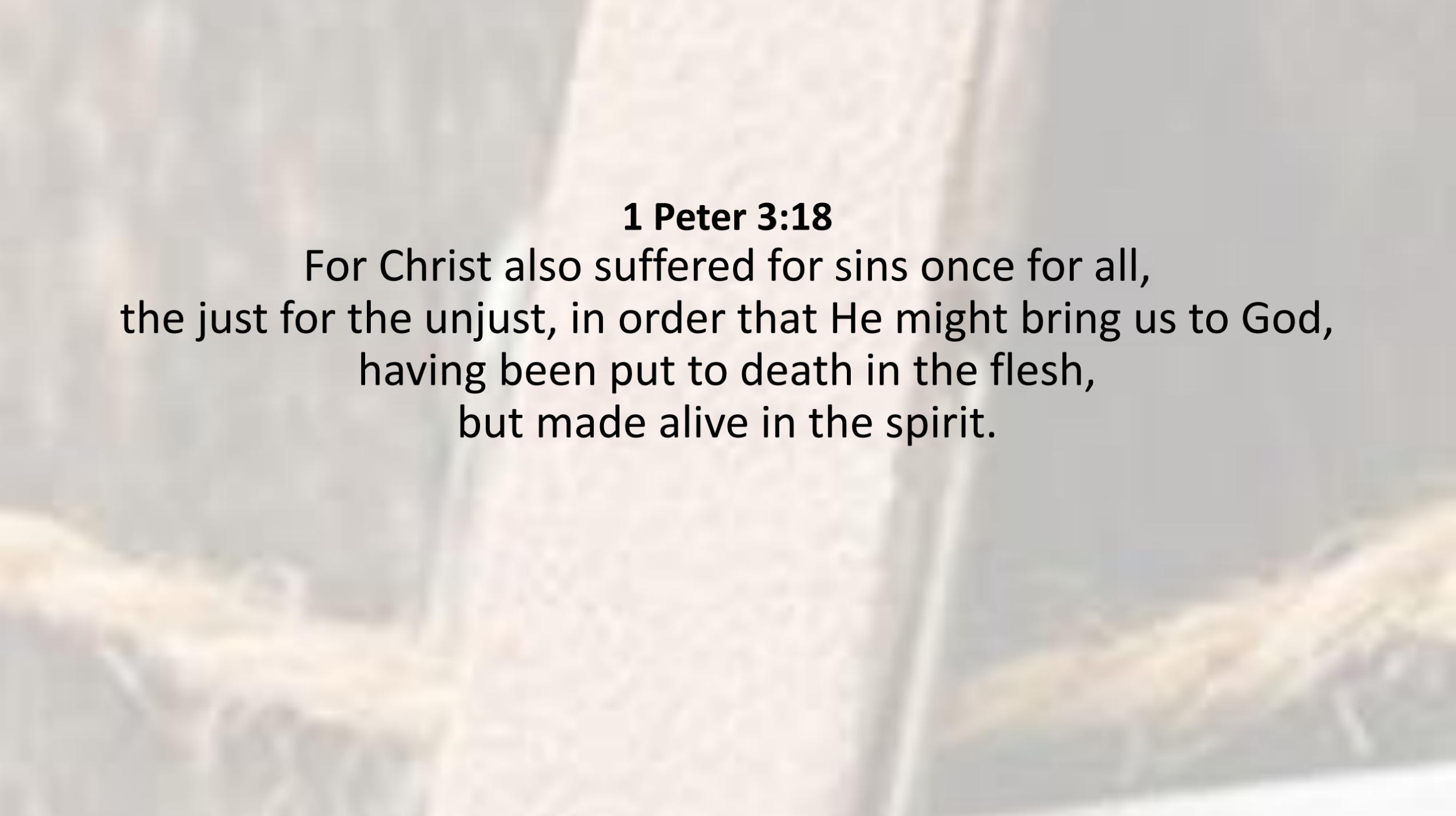
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It was by His death  
that Jesus put an end to sin.



**1 Peter 3:18**

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all,  
the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God,  
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Jesus bore the full judgment  
of sin in His death and fully  
satisfied justice.

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Having bore the full penalty of sin,  
death was conquered, and Christ  
was resurrected.

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# Arm Yourself with the Gospel

*Deepen your understanding of Christ's death.*

*Deepen your understanding  
of your death with Christ.*

When Christ died,  
you died with Him, and He put  
an end to sin for you.

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His work on your behalf put an  
end to the penalty of sin hanging  
over you and to the power  
of sin enslaving you.

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**Romans 8:1**

There is therefore now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

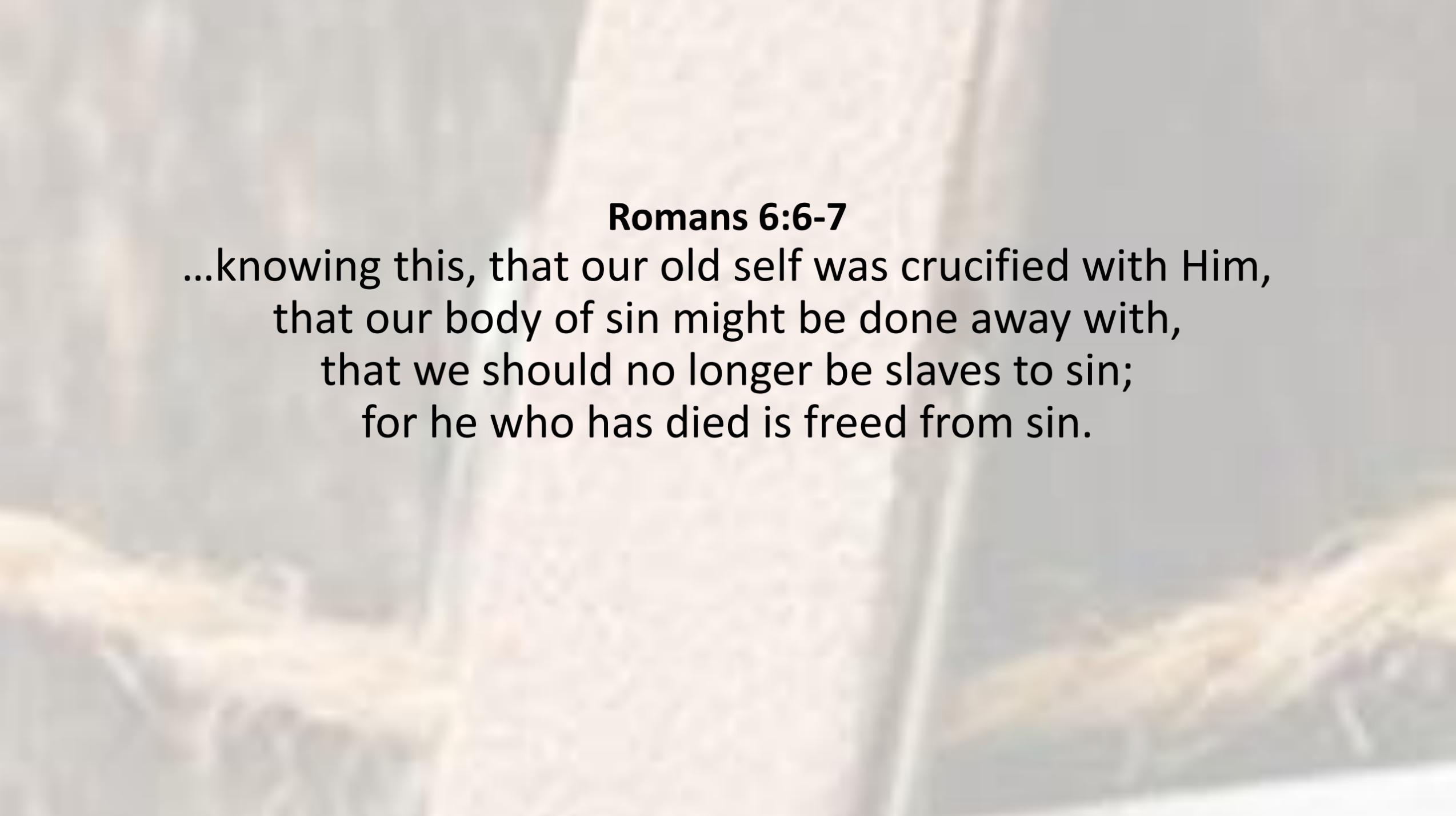
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**Romans 6:6-7**

...knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him,  
that our body of sin might be done away with,  
that we should no longer be slaves to sin;  
for he who has died is freed from sin.

# Armed for Life

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This isn't you anymore; you've died and have been given a new life; leave that old one behind.



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for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles,  
having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness,  
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**What worldly desires are you  
needing to leave behind?**

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Living for the will of God will appear  
audacious to a godless world.

### **1 Peter 4:5**

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# **Live audaciously!**

*Live in light of your purpose.*

*Live in light of judgment.*

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God is ready to judge.

**Are you ready to be judged?**

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# But God IS the Judge.

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even to those who are (now) dead,  
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If you live audaciously for God,  
the world may judge you as a fool,  
but God will judge you as His.

# **Conclusion:**

Trust in Christ!

Arm yourself with the gospel!

Live audaciously in hope!

# Reflection

Contemplate or quietly discuss the message.

Are you armed with rich gospel understanding?

How are you laboring to improve your understanding of the gospel?

Can you identify any ways in which you need to put away worldliness today? Pray for God's help.

Are you ready for judgment? Are you in Christ?