



Sermon Outline
February 21-22, 2026
Pastor Bryan Myers
The Price of
Following Christ
1 Peter 4

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* **Spiritual maturity & character formation are forged when people willingly step into _____.**

Romans 5:3–4 - Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

2. Holiness can create _____.

1 Peter 4:4 - They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you.

* **Holiness doesn't attack culture. It _____ it.**

John 3:19 - This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

3. Live _____ . Love deeply. Serve faithfully.

* **"Near" doesn't mean panic. It means _____.**

** When you know time is limited, you try to waste less of it.*

Vs. 8 - ...love covers over a multitude of sins.

* **We don't sit and wait for the end. We _____ for God's glory until it comes.**

4. Persecution comes with the _____.

John 15:18-19a - If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own.

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** Persecution _____ you to Christ. It isn't about enjoying pain. It's about sharing in His story.*

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