

PREPARATION II

defending your faith
without losing your mind

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getting ready

obedient and deliberate

Luke 12:47 (NIV) "The servant who knows the master's will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows."

- know His will
- get ready
- do His will

gird up your loins

preparing our minds for actions

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(ESV) Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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and fully present

discipleship
gospel transformation in community for witness and worship

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What to say when there's little
time and even less interest

1 Peter 3:13-15

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened."

¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

Why have you chosen to follow
Jesus?
And still follow Him?

Peter's defense?
resurrection

¹Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

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But do this with gentleness and respect,¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

Why have you chosen to follow Jesus?
 // resurrection //

1cor15:14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching
 is useless and so is your faith.

// I believe that Jesus died for my sin and
 rose from the dead. //

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 so, it's better than that... [pause]

conclusion

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preparation OUTWARDS
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