



## Blessing people with our actions & reactions (1 Peter 3:8-18)

### Gospel Community Questions:

1. After reviewing Sunday's message, talk about what stood out to you – lingering questions, “ah hah” moments, or convicting truths. (Expand this question to reflect back on the whole series if there is time.)
2. How does our identity in Christ change how we react to suffering or persecution?
3. How does the Holy Spirit help us to bless people when we are persecuted by them?

### Upcoming Events:

- Set-up/take-down: Today: Eastview (C) & out of town; June 12 U of S team B; June 19 U of S team A (C); June 26 Arbor Creek (C) & Erindale ; July 3 U of S team B; July 10 Eastview (C)
- Prayer Meetings - every Sunday at 8:30 am – 9:40 am in the lobby of the theatre. Join with us for some or all this time.
- Grace Fellowship family campout at Pike Lake – June 24-26. Talk to Murray if you desire to be baptized on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Grace Leadership Training Class – repeat of first class for those who still want to get in on the training. If interested please talk to Murray no later than 12:30 pm today!

### Needs:

- We have an immediate need for individuals to serve in Grace Kids.
- If you have a desire and willingness to serve in any area (Grace kids, sound, music, video, greeting), start by filling out our online form here: <http://gracesask.com/serve/>

### Get connected:

- Consider partnering with us in this Gospel mission – info packages at welcome table
- Get on “The City” (our social network). Send your email request to [info@gracesask.com](mailto:info@gracesask.com) or ask your Gospel Community leader to add you.

Got Questions? Text 306.993.8067 during the message or email [info@gracesask.com](mailto:info@gracesask.com) afterwards

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Peter starts his letter by telling us we are born again to a living hope.

Peter tells us how we are to live out of our identity in Christ.

Peter tells us how we are to live in our actions and reactions.

### 1. Actions

We are called to be a blessing to others and be blessed because of that.

### 2. Reactions

We are called to also love and bless people with our reactions, even under persecution.

The reason we can react this way is because we live out of what Jesus has done for us.

Jesus was beaten and tortured and when he is on the cross he is praying for these peoples forgiveness.

Because of what Jesus has done on the cross we can bless people with our actions and reactions.

### ~ Quotes ~

. "Bless them that persecute you.' If our enemy cannot put up with us any longer and takes to cursing us, our immediate reaction must be to lift up our hands and bless him. Our enemies are the blessed of the Lord. Their curse can do us no harm. May their poverty be enriched with all the riches of God, with the blessing of Him whom they seek to oppose in vain. We are ready to endure their curses so long as they redound to their blessing."

Author: Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Tim Keller once said that God gives us what we would have asked for if we knew everything that He knows. The idea that the prince of Heaven would empty himself and become poor, to live and dwell among us is humbling. The idea that there is nothing in the human experience that God himself has not suffered, even losing a child, is sustaining. And the idea that in His resurrection, Jesus' scars became His glory is empowering. God will use these scars for His glory, as they become our glory. Indeed, the end hasn't been written.

Next Sunday, June 12: 1 Peter 3:17-22

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