

(1 Peter 4:1-11) Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. <sup>2</sup> As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. <sup>3</sup> You have had enough in the past of the evil things that godless people enjoy—their immorality and lust, their feasting and drunkenness and wild parties, and their terrible worship of idols. <sup>4</sup> They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. <sup>5</sup> But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup> For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit. <sup>7</sup> The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. <sup>8</sup> Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. <sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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#### How To Change the Easy Way:

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## Discussion Questions

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### Starter Questions

What song lyrics did you mispronounce for a certain period of time? How did you learn the proper lyrics?

### Group Discussion

Looking back on this message, what encouraged you, challenged you, or made you think?

Our text this week was 1 Peter 4:1-11. Re-read this as a group and discuss the following questions.

Thinking about the message theme of change, what is one area of your life that people from your past would say "you've changed?" What led to this positive change?

You'll know you've changed when you're faced with temptation and you deliberately choose suffering (persecution) over sin. Recall a time when you had to make such a choice. What was the outcome?

What good comes from our suffering? Refer to Romans 8:17-18, 2 Corinthians 4:17, 1 Peter 5:12-14

Verse 8 states that love “cover a multitude of sins.” What do you think this means? Give some personal examples.

Pastor Landon encouraged us to change by; loving and forgiving, and serving.

- Who have you forgiven? Who is someone you need to forgive? Record their name.
- Why is it hard to forgive?
- How do you serve others as a “faithful steward of God’s grace?”

Pastor Landon reminded us that the past is where we’ve learned the lesson, the future is where we apply the lesson. Think through some of your own life lessons you’ve had to experience more than once. What is one thing you’d like to change in the future, where you can APPLY this lesson?

How can you change this very week? Who is someone who can provide you with accountability for this decision?

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## Prayer Requests

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## Additional Resources

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## Announcements

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**TODAY** is our **College Age kickoff!** This event is designed for anyone in their teens and twenties looking to connect with other college students or young professionals. Join us immediately following either service at 5615 E 85<sup>th</sup> St, Valley Center, KS for free food and connections!

Interested in learning more about New Anthem Church? Are you ready to discover your gifting and passions? Join us for **NEXT!** These sessions meet during second service in the New Anthem Lounge on **October 6, 13, and 20.** Sign up today!

Join us for **First Monday**, a Surge Group that dives deep into scripture. Come to the office at 7p on **October 7** for a time of study, communion, and prayer. This month’s lesson is on the book of Ecclesiastes.