

*Wrestling with Sin*  
*1 Peter 4:1-6*  
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Introduction

Reflection questions:

- What prompts sinful decisions?
- Why do I enjoy it?
- What are the consequences?
- What is my action plan?

*Obedience Demands Intensity*

Embrace the intensity of Christ: 1 Peter 4:1, Romans 7:7-25

Desires: embrace worthy passions. 1 Peter 4:2

Two motivations:

1. To make the rest of your life matter.
2. To make the rest of your life better.

Choices: make decisions that build your souls. 1 Peter 4:3-4

Consequences: live with the end in mind. 1 Peter 4:5-6

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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> For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. <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.