1 PETER



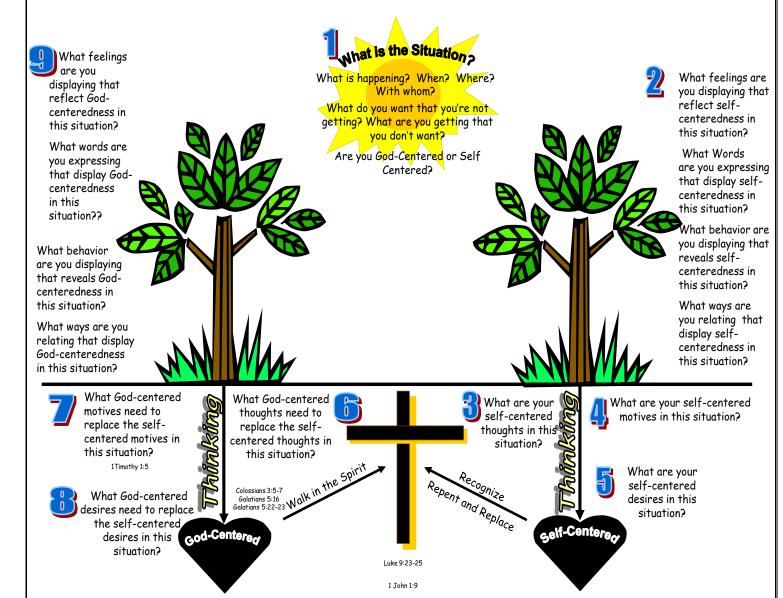
The Preparation for Suffering and Serving in the Last Days (1 Peter 4:1-6)

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The Pursuit of the Will of God and the Pain in the Flesh that Follows

- A. God has called us to resolve ourselves to suffer condemnation from friends, family, and the culture as a result of living according to the will of God. We know that when God's standards are in opposition to friends, family, and the culture they will come against us and condemn us for not doing what they are doing, which exposes them in what they are doing in light of God's holiness.
- B. A resolution to live according to the will of God means that we no longer live to satisfy the evil desires of the heart. We now choose to live to satisfy the holy will of God.
- C. We have had plenty of time to serve our fleshly desires and our friends, family, and the culture are surprised that we are not participating with them in it, so we suffer condemnation at their hands as a result.
- D. God's judgement will come upon all who are dead and alive. Those who belong to God, whether dead or alive, will reap the benefits of Gospel. Those who do not belong to Christ, whether dead or alive, will reap the consequences of rejecting the Gospel.

How to Overcome the Flesh



Ephesians 4:17-24; Philippians 2:5