

Facing hostility

1 Peter 3:17-18

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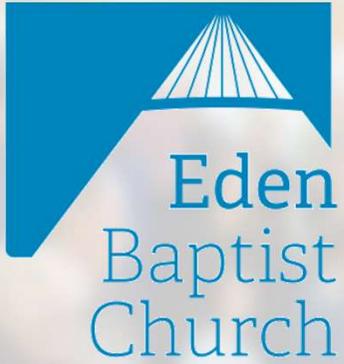
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1 Peter 3:13-18

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. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

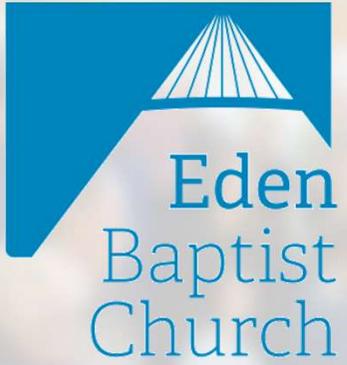




“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light...

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”

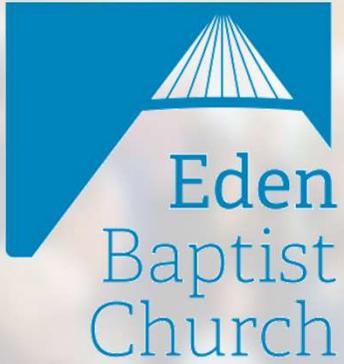
1 Peter 2:9,12



1 Peter 3:13-18

**When you face
hostility...
avoid fight or flight**

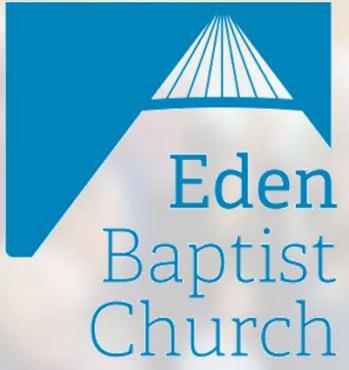


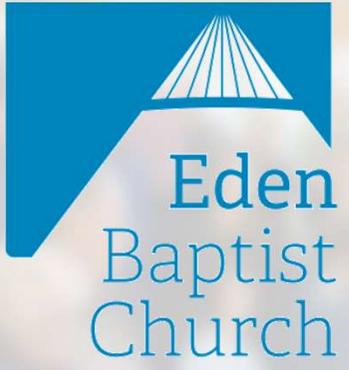


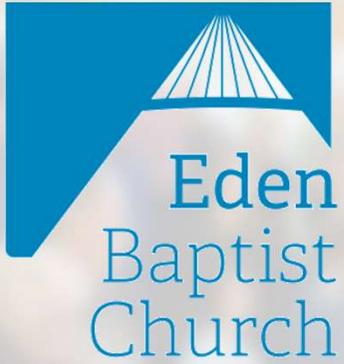
Questions for Reflection

- **Are there ways that you face hostility because you're a Christian?
Do you naturally lean towards "fight" or "flight" in how you respond?**
- **How could you help other Christians you know who face hostility?**









Body

vs

Spirit

Physical

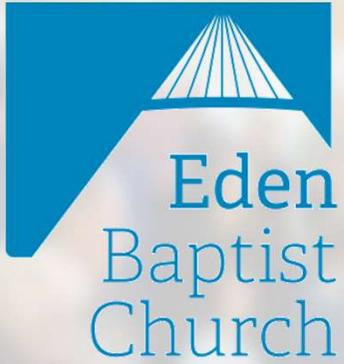
Non-physical

Human activity
activity

Holy Spirit's

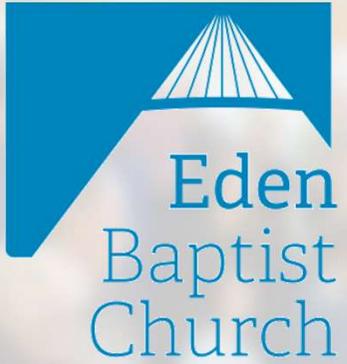
Temporary

Eternal



Questions for Reflection

- **If you're new to Christianity, what do you make of Jesus' suffering and death?**
- **Has anything particularly struck you freshly from v18 to thank God for?**



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***When you face hostility...
follow Jesus' footsteps***

