

1. Describe a time in your life when a relationship was hard. What contributed to its difficulty?
2. Read 1 Peter 3:8. What attributes does Peter champion for relationships within the church? How does our thought life tend to influence our feelings for others? How are both our thoughts and feelings essential in our expressions of love within the church?
3. Read 1 Peter 3:9–12. Why do you think Peter starts with inward relationships prior to teaching about our outward ones? How does being internally secure within the Christian community affect our ability to represent Jesus to those outside it? How does Peter tell us to act towards those who might wish us evil?
4. What is the good life that Peter describes in vv9–12? How does Peter's definition of the good life come into conflict with how we often think about it?
5. Go back to question #1. As you look back on that difficult relationship and consider Peter's teaching from 1 Peter 3:8–12, is there anything you would do differently if you had the opportunity?
6. Read Psalm 34. How does David's understanding of the good life reflect Peter's?
7. Ask God to help you represent Jesus in all your relationships, especially those within the church. Along with that, ask him to help you keep your affections on his blessing and favor above all else.