

Living with Hope

1 Peter 3:14-15

14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, **15** but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

Two Encouraging Assumptions

1. Following Jesus provides hope in difficult circumstances
2. Maintaining hope during difficulty causes others to ask questions

Three Vital Directives

1. Have no fear of those who persecute you
2. Honor Christ the Lord
3. Be ready to give a gentle, respectful answer for your hope