

A photograph of a paved path winding through a lush green forest. Sunlight filters through the trees on the left, creating a bright, hazy atmosphere. The path is flanked by tall grass and dense foliage. The text "Welcome to Adventure!" is centered in white over the middle of the image.

Welcome to Adventure!

A photograph of a paved path winding through a lush green forest. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a warm, golden glow and long shadows on the path. The text is centered over the image in a white, sans-serif font.

Women's Study  
Wednesday Nights 6pm  
and Tuesdays 1pm  
Starting Sept 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>

# WARZONE

Engaging a world gone mad



**Men's Retreat Oct 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>**

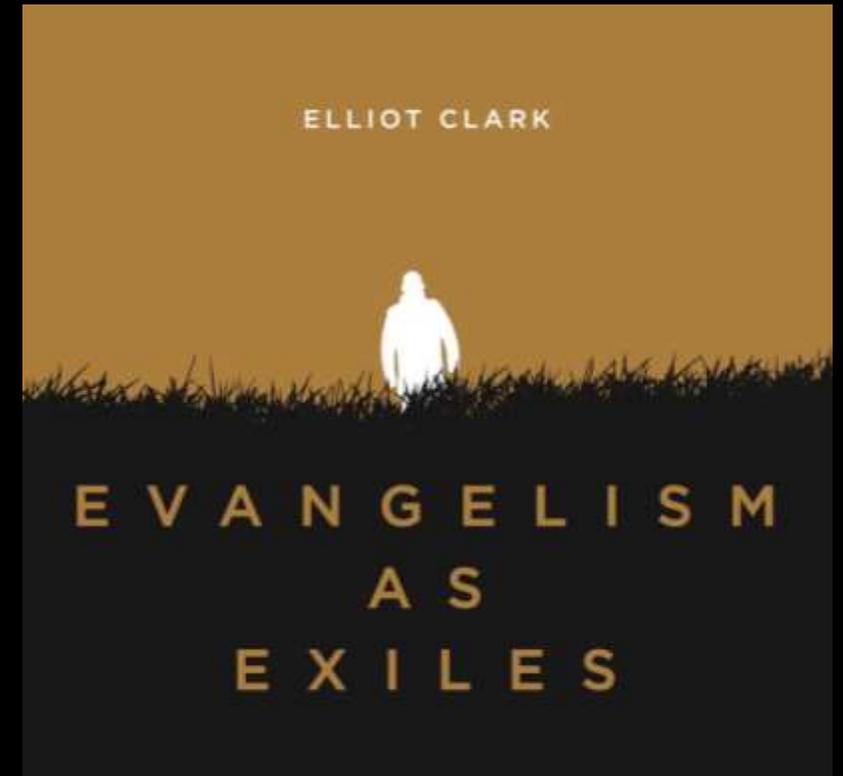
# Evangelism as Exiles

**“Sharing the hope of a much better Kingdom”**



# Resources

## The Letter of 1 Peter



# What is Evangelism?

EVANGELIST: εὐαγγελιστής - "a messenger of good"

WITNESS: μάρτυς – "one who takes heed"



# Embracing Exile

1 Peter 2:11-12

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 12 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

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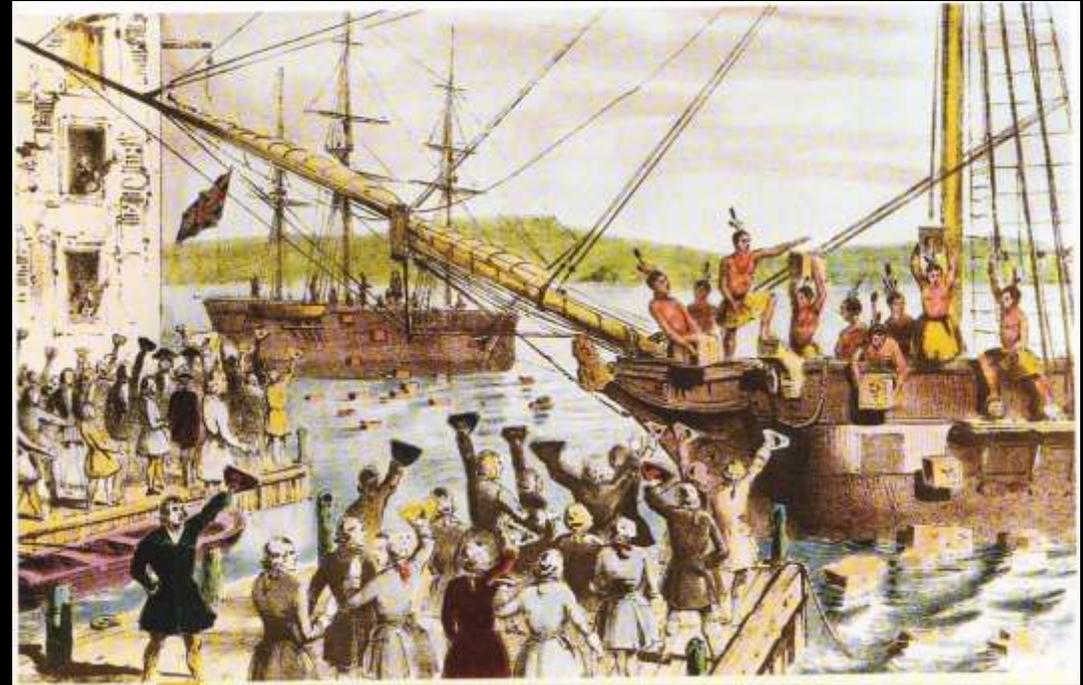
# Embracing Exile

How can we maintain our witness?

1. Submission
2. Defiance
3. Proclamation



# Submission



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## 1 Peter 2:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, <sup>14</sup> or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.<sup>15</sup> For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. <sup>17</sup> Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor. NIV

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## **1 Peter 2:18-21**

<sup>18</sup> Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. <sup>19</sup> For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup> But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. NIV

# Submission

“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority.” – 1 Peter 2:13

“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. – Romans 13:2

”Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” – Ephesians 5:21

“The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. <sup>3</sup> So you must be careful to do everything they tell you.” – Matthew 23:2-3a

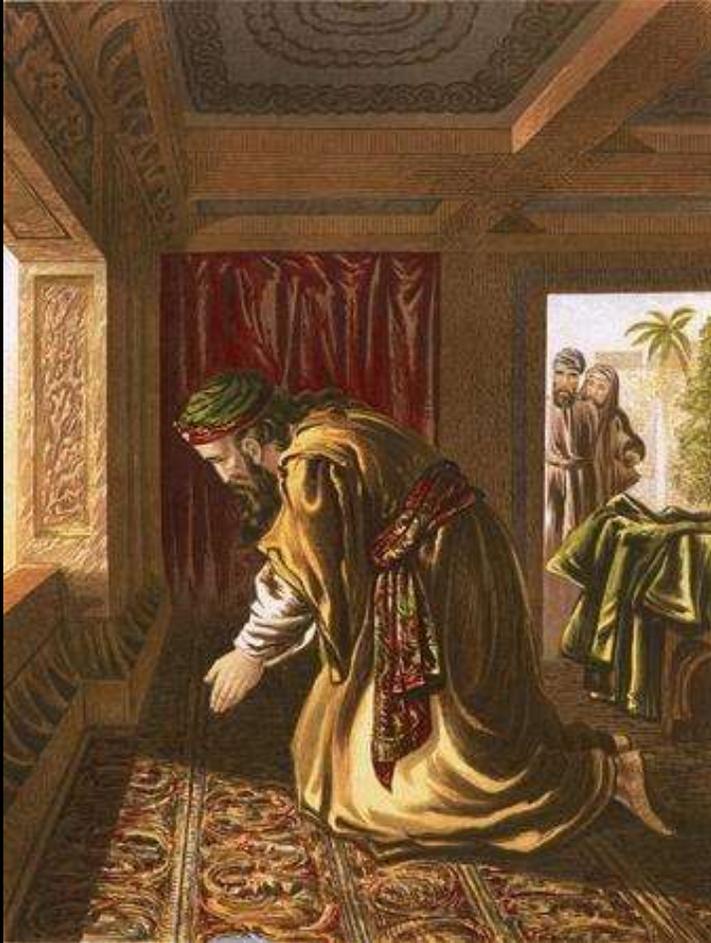
“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.” – Luke 20:25

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## Acts 4:5-7

<sup>5</sup> The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. <sup>7</sup> They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" NIV

# Defiance

**Acts 4:18-20, 33a**

<sup>18</sup> Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! <sup>20</sup> As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

<sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. NIV

# Defiance

## The Martyrdom of Polycarp

And when the proconsul yet again pressed him, and said, “Swear by the fortune of Cæsar,” he answered, “Since thou art vainly urgent that, as thou sayest, I should swear by the fortune of Cæsar, and pretendest not to know who and what I am, hear me declare with boldness, I am a Christian. And if you wish to learn what the doctrines of Christianity are, appoint me a day, and thou shalt hear them.” The proconsul replied, “Persuade the people.” But Polycarp said, “To thee I have thought it right to offer an account [of my faith]; for we are taught to give all due honour (which entails no injury upon ourselves) to the powers and authorities which are ordained of God. But as for *these*, I do not deem them worthy of receiving any account from me.” Bring forth what thou wilt.”

# Defiance

## **The Martyrdom of Polycarp**

The proconsul then said to him, “I have wild beasts at hand; to these will I cast thee, except thou repent.” But he answered, “Call them then, for we are not accustomed to repent of what is good in order to adopt that which is evil; and it is well for me to be changed from what is evil to what is righteous.” But again the proconsul said to him, “I will cause thee to be consumed by fire, seeing thou despisest the wild beasts, if thou wilt not repent.” But Polycarp said, “Thou threatenest me with fire which burneth for an hour, and after a little is extinguished, but art ignorant of the fire of the coming judgment and of eternal punishment, reserved for the ungodly. But why tarriest thou? Bring forth what thou wilt.”

# Proclamation



When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, <sup>13</sup> he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape.<sup>14</sup> For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" Esther 4:12-14 NIV

# Proclamation

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”

Acts 4:31b

“With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.” Acts 4:33a

“Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.”

Acts 5:42

“Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there.” Acts 8:5

“After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.” Acts 8:25

# Proclamation

## **Colossians 4:5**

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

## **Luke 12:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> “I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. <sup>9</sup> But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God.

Live as free people: live as God's slaves

