

- Family service

In perfect harmony?

- Intro on harmony in music, notes together
 - demonstration of notes not in harmony!
 - Live in harmony - what does that mean?
 - look at first section of the passage, on projector, and see how this one phrase is spelled out in the different things that follow
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Suffering for doing good

What happens next?

- Some scenarios with **what should happen next** type responses - and explore how sometimes it doesn't always work out that way!
 - in your classroom at school, the teacher has to go out for a moment; while they are out someone throws something at someone else, misses, but hits something (a chart on the wall, a window, doesn't matter). You saw who did what. Just then the teacher comes in, realises something has happened, and asks the class what happened...
 - in an exam, someone asks you to help them cheat...
 - you are chatting on the bus with someone you haven't seen for a while, catching up on what you've been up to; they mention that something has made them think about Jesus recently, and they ask you what you think about him...
 - your boss at work handles a lot of sensitive and confidential information; most of the time you don't have anything to do with this side of their work. On one occasion your boss is out of the office at meetings - you need to get something from their room. While you are there you notice that they have left the key to the filing cabinet where the confidential material is kept in the lock, so you lock the cabinet and take the key to keep the material secure...
- Often when we do good, when we do the right thing, it has good consequences:
 - if we are polite to people, they tend to be polite to us
 - if we tell the truth, we tend not to get into trouble
- **But it doesn't always work out that way!**
 - sometimes we can suffer for doing what is right and good!
 - Peter acknowledges that, and urges his readers to press on anyway!
- Response story next page...

1 Peter 3:8-22 Suffering for Doing Good Fintry, 10/9/2006, am

Response Story

- Finish with the response story:
- *sin/sins - I'm sorry*
- *Jesus - God's Son!*
- *die/died - why?*

- **Jesus** lived a good life. He always helped people. He healed people. He told them about God. He never did anything wrong. He didn't **sin**. He didn't have to **die**. Because he didn't **sin**. But **Jesus** chose to let himself be killed, to **die**. So our sins could be forgiven.

- You see, all of us disobey God sometimes - the Bible calls this **sin**. So you should be! God hates it when we **sin**. The fantastic news we have is that because **Jesus** suffered and **died** even though he lived a good life, our **sins** are replaced by **Jesus'** goodness.

- And what do we have to do? Only one thing - say sorry for our **sins** and ask **Jesus** to forgive us! And he will.

- **That's a response story - how do we respond?**
 - will we **do what is right, seek to live in harmony, even when we might suffer for it?**
 - **make a commitment to live differently from today...**