

# *Experiencing Victory in a Hostile World*

**Our Present: Remember Our Testimony**  
**How We Navigate Life**  
**Really Matters**  
**(2:11 – 4:6)**

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December 2013				
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
3 Our Model in the Midst of Suffering (Part 1)	4	5	6	7
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16 No Equip Hour	17	18	19	20
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January 2013				
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
6	7	8	9	10
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Applying Submission in Our Homes (Part 1)	<div> <p><b>Launching all <u>NEW</u> Equip Hour...</b></p> <p><i><b>Moving From Teaching to Training</b></i></p> <p><b>Focus on Adults, Students &amp; Children</b></p> <p><b>Adults: Along with Peter...</b> <b>Also Hot Topics Class</b></p> </div>			
20	21			
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27	28			
Applying Submission in Our Homes (Part 3)				

# 1 Peter

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- Introduction  
*Peter 's Life & Background Overview*
- Salutation (1:1 – 2)  
*Our Election into Grace*
- Our Past: Remember Our Anchor... (1:3 – 2:10)  
*We Have so Great a Salvation*
- **Our Present: Remember Our Testimony... (2:11 – 4:6)**  
***How We Navigate Life Really Matters***
- Our Future: Remember Our Living Hope... (4:7 – 5:11)  
*Our Lord Will Return Soon*
- Closing (5:12 – 14)  
*Greetings, Benediction & Review*



# Our Model in the Midst of Suffering

## Learning Objectives:

*That we commit to follow of an example of what biblical submission looks like before we encounter daunting situations in our lives so we will navigate them in such a way that God is pleased and He gets the glory.*



# Our Model in the Midst of Suffering

## 1 Peter 2:21b-25

- Introduction
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# Introduction

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- All of us as followers of Christ have been called to persecution and suffering be it in the workplace, in the civic square, in the marketplace of ideas, at home, with our immediate or extended families, or in our neighborhoods...  
(1 Peter 2:20-21 a; 2 Corinthians 4:1 1; 2 Timothy 3:1 2)
- Jesus' path to glory was first forged on the anvil of suffering  
(Luke 24:25-26)
- In all forms of suffering we are in the midst of experiencing or ever will encounter, we must look to Jesus as our standard, our example, and our pattern to follow

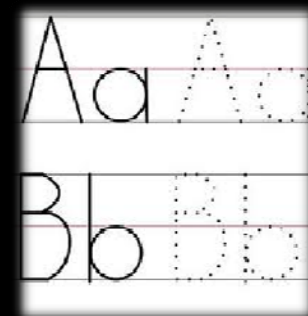


# Our Standard for Suffering (21b-23)

- *“since Christ also suffered for you”*
  - Jesus suffering was similar to ours
    - He was crucified as a criminal (Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 27:38)
    - He committed no crime (1 Peter 1:19; Isaiah 53:9; John 8:46; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 7:26)
  - Jesus suffering was different than ours
    - His suffering was also redemptive in nature
- *“leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps”*
  - His responses and attitude in His death on the cross provides us with the ultimate example of how to respond to unmerited persecution and punishment (Hebrews 12:3-4)

# Our Standard for Suffering (21b-23)

- “leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps”
  - “*Example*” means to “write underneath” and refers to a pattern placed under a sheet of tracing paper so the original images could be duplicated
    - An example was learning to write the alphabet
    - Jesus is our example or pattern on which we are to trace our lives
  - “*steps*” means “*footprints*” or “*tracks*”
    - In our lives, just like for Jesus, our footprints through this world are often along paths of unjust suffering
    - We need to ensure ours match and follow His
    - He calls us to “walk this way” (Ephesians 4:1, Colossians 1:10)



# Our Standard for Suffering (21b-23)

- How Jesus did NOT respond –“*who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats*”
  - Verbal Abuse
    - “*being reviled*” means to “pile abuse onto someone” through the use of incredibly abusive and vile language over and over against someone
  - Physical Abuse
    - “*while suffering*” Jesus didn’t give back threats even though He had every right to do so
    - Instead, as an act of His will and in deference to God’s plan for Him, He chose to submit to the suffering
    - He even went so far as to ask His Father to forgive those who abused Him (Luke 23:34)



# Our Standard for Suffering (21b-23)

- How Jesus DID respond – “*but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously*” (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)
  - “*entrusting*” means to “commit” or to “hand over” and is in the imperfect verb tense which speaks of a repeated past action
    - With each new wave of verbal and physical abuse, Jesus was “always handing Himself over” to God for safekeeping
    - Jesus continued with this choice to the very end (Luke 23:46)
  - “*to Him who judges righteously*”
    - Undergirding Jesus’ peaceful and resolute acceptance of suffering was an unshakeable confidence in the perfectly righteous plan of His heavenly Father (John 4:34; 15:10; 17:25)



# 1 Peter 2:21 b - 25

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- **Verse 24** expresses the reality of Jesus substitutionary death on my behalf  
(Mark 10:45; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 5:2)
  - “Redemption” - The voluntary, substitutional act of which Jesus Christ paid with His own blood to purchase us out of our former life of forced slavery to sin, who’s sting (consequences) is death, into volitional obedience to God (freedom), who’s gift is eternal life (Galatians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18)





# Our Substitute in Suffering (24)

- **Verse 24** expresses the reality of Jesus substitutionary death on my behalf (Continued)
  - “Justification” - The legal and formal acquittal and pardon from guilt by God as judge - It is pronouncing the sinner / transgressor righteous who trusts / believes on / in the Lord Jesus Christ (**Romans 3:24; 5:1, 9, 18**)
  - “Reconciliation” - The act of God to make friends with mankind again by taking away the hostility through the blood of Christ (**Romans 5:10; 1 Cor 7:11; 2 Cor 5:8, 20; Col 1:22**)
  - “Propitiation” - Our deliverance from the wrath of God on sin by Jesus Christ’s blood-spilling work on the cross (**Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 2:2; 4:10**)





# Our Substitute in Suffering (24)

- “*He Himself*” (Isaiah 53:4-5, 11)
  - This stresses that Jesus died voluntarily and without coercion (John 10:15, 17-18)
  - He was the only sufficient sacrifice for the sins of all who would ever believe (John 1:29; 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 4:10 Hebrews 2:9, 17)
- “*Bore our sins in His body on the cross*”  
means to carry a gigantic, heavy weight of sin
  - This weight is so “massive” that Paul says “*the whole of creation groans and suffers*” under it (Romans 8:22)
  - Only Jesus could remove such a immense weight from the backs of those who He elects (Hebrews 9:28)



# Our Substitute in Suffering (24)

- “that we might die to sin and live to righteousness”  
(Romans 6:3-14)

- “might die”

- Not the normal word for “die” and is only used here in the Scriptures
- Means “to be taken away from, depart, be missing, or to cease to exist”
- Jesus died to separate us from the penalty of sin, so that it can never again condemn us
- Our guilt has been “nailed to the cross” and Jesus has paid our debt in full (Colossians 2:12-14)
- We have been delivered from sin’s dominating power and are now able to “live to righteousness” (Romans 6:16-22)



The Lamb of God

# Our Substitute in Suffering (24)

- “for by His wounds you were healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)
  - “wounds”
    - These “wounds” referred to the suffering which brought His death on our behalf for our sins
    - Isaiah is not saying that the actual suffering or scourging of Jesus produced salvation
  - “you were healed”
    - This “healing” is spiritual and of our souls today
    - But, one day this will also be physical (Romans 8:22-25; 13:11)

# Our Shepherd through Suffering (25)

*“For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls” (Isaiah 53:6)*

- *“For you were continually straying like sheep”*
  - Describes through analogy the wayward, lost, purposeless, dangerous, and helpless wandering of sinners (Matthew 9:36)
- *“but now you have returned”*
  - Meant to describe the process of “turning around” or repenting from our sin and pursuing Jesus instead

# Our Shepherd through Suffering (25)

- “to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls”
  - “Shepherd”
    - The analogy of God as our Shepherd is both a familiar and a rich theme in the Scriptures (1 Peter 5:4)
    - Jesus identified Himself as God when He took the divine title and named Himself the “good Shepherd” (John 10:11, 14)
    - It is an appropriate title for Jesus because it conveys His role as feeder, leader, protector, cleanser and restorer of His flock
    - It is also an appropriate analogy of us to be sheep in that we are stupid, gullible, dirty, defenseless and prone to wander

# Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

# Our Shepherd through Suffering (25)

- “to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls” (Continued)
  - “Guardian”
    - Usually translated as “bishop” or “overseer” which, along with “Shepherd” describes the responsibility of “pastors” or “elders” (1 Peter 5:2)
- In Summary
  - By His death and resurrection on our behalf, Jesus became the Shepherd and Guardian of our eternal souls
  - Even though we continually stray, He is fully vested in and has promised that He will bring us safely home!
  - In His suffering, Jesus became our example to follow...  
**let us decide today that we will follow in His footsteps!!!**

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