

“The Renown of Being Jesus-like Door Mats” 3/24/19

1 Peter 2:18-25

Sermon Series- “Living for the Glory of God in a Hostile World”

Big Idea- Because Jesus has set the example for us, we also should submit ourselves genuinely to those over us, in honor, faith and reverence to our loving Shepherd.

It's true that God doesn't always cause our situations of suffering but it's also true that He often wants/wills us to be in suffering so that we can grow, glorify Him, or to follow Jesus example All suffering is under a Sovereign God's direction, causation, or permission.

LESSON 1- We can gain renown when we understand the PARAMETERS

- A. We are called to submit regardless of the employer's CHARACTER (This includes the Good, Reasonable, and Crooked; Ephesians 6:5-9).
- B. We receive God's favor when we endure grief; suffering UNJUSTLY (Submission to God might bring suffering- Matt 5:38-46; see reverse side)
- C. Our reputation as foolish or suffering for God determines God's FAVOR (Colossians 3:22-24- We will be rewarded; 1 Timothy 6:1)

LESSON 2- We can gain renown when we follow the PATTERN

- A. We are called to endure suffering & follow in Jesus' FOOTSTEPS
- B. When we follow Jesus, we see that He didn't THREATEN
- C. The pattern that Jesus gave was to commit the timing to GOD

LESSON 3- We can gain renown when we live by the POWER

- A. We are called to cease sinning and live RIGHTEOUSLY
- B. We have new power because we are healed and led by the SHEPHERD (John 10:11, 14; Heb 13:20-21; 1 Peter 5:4; Rev 7:17)

Going *God wants us to lean into the Shepherd and imitate His example.*

Deeper

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples

Scriptures about Suffering (including “unjust” suffering)

^{NLT} **Philippians 1:29** For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him.

^{NKJ} **1 Peter 4:19** Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls *to Him* in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

^{NKJ} **Philippians 3:10** that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

^{NAU} **James 1:2** Consider it all **joy**, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, ³ **knowing** that the testing of your **faith produces endurance**. ⁴ And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

^{NKJ} **Acts 14:22** (They continued...) strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and *saying*, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

^{NKJ} **Philippians 1:29** For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

^{NKJ} **Acts 5:40** "And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

^{NET} **Romans 5:3** Not only this, but we also **rejoice** in sufferings, **knowing** that **suffering produces endurance**, ⁴ and endurance, character, and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

^{NKJ} **John 16:33** "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good **cheer**, I have overcome the world."

^{NKJ} **1 Thessalonians 3:3** that no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves **know** that we are appointed to this. ⁴ For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would **suffer** tribulation, just as it happened, and you know.

^{NKJ} **Matthew 7:14** "Because narrow *is* the gate and **difficult** *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.