

# “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)

<sup>NLT</sup> **Philippians 1:29** For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him.

<sup>NKJ</sup> **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.

<sup>NKJ</sup> **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,

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

<sup>NKJ</sup> **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."

<sup>NKJ</sup> **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,

<sup>NKJ</sup> **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. <sup>41</sup> So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

<sup>NET</sup> **Romans 5:3** Not only this, but we also **rejoice** in sufferings, **knowing** that **suffering produces endurance**, <sup>4</sup> and endurance, character, and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>NKJ</sup> **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."

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

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Matthew 7:14** "Because narrow *is* the gate and **difficult** *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.