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[WEEK SEVEN]

# SUBMISSION, ENDURANCE, AND THE UNEXPECTED EXAMPLE OF CHRIST

HOPE AS EXILES

# 1 Peter 2:12–25

<sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

<sup>13</sup> Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup> Honour everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the emperor.



# 1 Peter 2:12–25

<sup>18</sup> Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. <sup>19</sup> For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.





# 1 Peter 2:12–25

<sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.



# Our Posture: Submission to Authorities

<sup>13</sup> Submit to every human authority because of the Lord, whether to the emperor as the supreme authority <sup>14</sup> or to governors as those sent out by him to punish those who do what is evil and to praise those who do what is good.

**1 Peter 2:13–14 (CSB)**

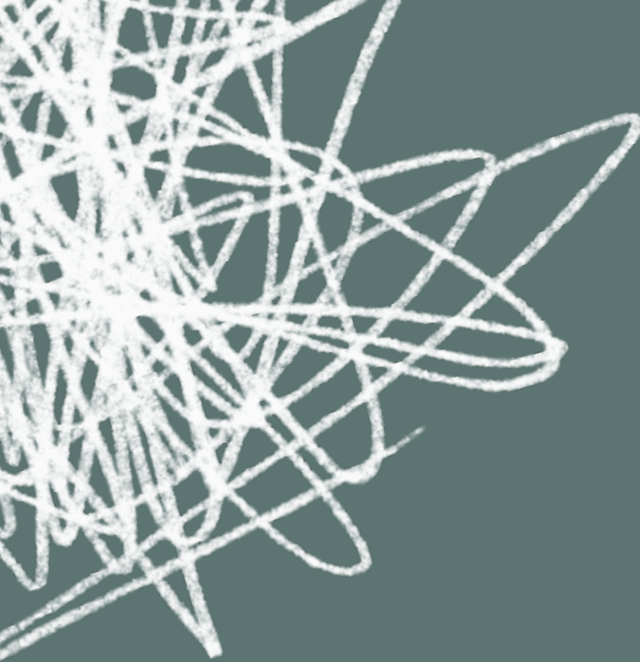


# Our Posture: Submission to Authorities

<sup>15</sup> For it is God's will that you silence the ignorance of foolish people by doing good. <sup>16</sup> Submit as free people, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but as God's slaves.

**1 Peter 2:15–16 (CSB)**





A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all,  
subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly  
dutiful servant of all, subject to all.

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# Our Posture: Submission to Authorities

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**1 Peter 2:17 (CSB)**



# Our Calling: Endure Suffering and Do Good

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**1 Peter 2:18–21**





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**1 Peter 2:21–23**



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**1 Peter 2:24–25**





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<sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

<sup>20</sup> To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Romans 12:19-21**

