

**“The Way of Exile”
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-Following Jesus in the 21st-century means learning the way of exile.

- What was the exile all about, and why is the exile such a big deal?

- Jesus is the answer, but the answer to what, exactly?

- The exile left its mark on Israelite history in an unparalleled manner.

- How do we navigate this world as exiles?

- It turns out that The Bible has immense resources for God’s people on this topic.

- Resistance vs. Submission

- Jesus calls us to respond in kind.

-1 Peter 1:1-2 (NIV)

1“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God’s elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, 2who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.”

-1 Peter 2:11-17 (NIV)

11“Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 12Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. 13Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, 14or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 15For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. 16Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves. 17Show proper respect to

everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.”

-What's Your Story? Ask someone else what their story is this week.