

Class Notes - Route 66  
**Living Honorably – Part 3 - 1 Peter 2:18-25 – May 25, 2020**

**Big Idea:** We have been called to live in this world as following Jesus' example and pattern.

***Live Honorably Following Our Master - Jesus: Vss. 18-25***

- a. As expected in the life of a Christian servant – vs. 18-20 **Be subject!**  
“servant” – Gk: *oikos* is used of domestic servants. Some see this as similar to an employee/employer relationship. Here we see that Peter is addressing those with a master and so application can be made for voluntary and non-voluntary(slave) situations as well.

**What does this look like?**

- i. Being subject with respect – v 18 Gk: *phobos* – fear {of God}
- ii. Being subject without regard for how we are treated – “to the good and gentle...also the unjust” Gk: *skolios* – “crooked, perverse, twisted” We get our English word scoliosis from this.
- iii. Enduring sorrows while suffering unjustly vv. 19,20

**Why?**

- i. To please God!  
“For this is a gracious thing in the sight of God” v. 19,20 This finds favor with God.  
“when mindful of God” When we are submitting and respectful because we have it in our minds that this will please God and is for Him. **Eph. 6:5-8**
- ii. To fulfill our calling...to be like Jesus! v. 21  
“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow his steps.”  
Gk: “example” is *hupogrammos* – “an underwriting” from *hupographo* “to write under, to trace letters” for copying by scholars.  
We are called to Christlikeness and perhaps nowhere is that better displayed than in how a believer responds to suffering. And so Peter goes on to remind the scattered, suffering Christians as to what that looked like in the life of the One who suffered for them. They are to follow his steps and be like Jesus.

The nineteenth-century Scottish preacher Alexander MacLaren commented, “The world takes its notions of God, most of all, from the people who say that they belong to God’s family. They read us a great deal more than they read the Bible. They see us; they only hear about Jesus Christ”

(First and Second Peter and First John [New York: Eaton and Maines, 1910], 105).

- b. As demonstrated in the life of God’s Son, the “Suffering Servant” vv. 22-25

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. <u>Respond as Jesus did:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- “Christ also suffered for you” v. 21</li><li>- “He committed no sin” v. 22</li><li>- No “deceit found in his mouth” v. 22</li><li>- “did not revile in return”</li><li>- “did not threaten”</li><li>- “entrusted himself” to the just Judge</li></ul></li></ol> | <p><u>Let us:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Be willing to suffer for Him</li><li>Abstain from passions of the flesh</li><li>Be honest and have integrity</li><li>Be quiet...seek no revenge</li><li>Do not threaten those hurting us</li><li>Entrust yourself to our just God</li></ul> |
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“Entrust” Gk: “to commit or hand yourself over to”

When we remember all he did for us (*bore our sins in his body on the tree* (v. 24) then it should be our greatest desire to “**die to sin and live to righteousness**” v. 24 **Romans 6:12-19**  
We can do no less because of the change that has happened to us. “You **were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.**” v. 25

- ii. Rejoice in our Shepherd Who also Oversees our spiritual lives v. 25
  - Shepherd – John 15
  - Overseer of our souls – John 10:1-18; 25-30