

WE STAND FIRM

A STUDY OF 1 PETER

When Doing Right Costs You

1 Peter 2:11-25 | September 13, 2026

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

1 Peter 2:11

1. *Live such good lives among the pagans that... they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

1 Peter 2:12

The best way to share Jesus is by doing Jesus-like things.

2. *Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.*

1 Peter 2:17

We can honor someone without agreeing with them.

- **Who is difficult for you to honor?**

3. *... Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.*

1 Peter 2:21

Standing firm means responding like Jesus and trusting God with the outcome.

- **Respond like Jesus. Trust God with the outcome. And stand firm.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kids Christmas Program Rehearsal Begins: September 13 at 6:00 PM

WCC Moms: September 16 at 6:00 PM

Habitat for Humanity Build: September 20 at 12:00 & 1:30 PM

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STUDY QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED:

Can you think of a time when doing the right thing cost you something—comfort, reputation, money, a relationship, or an opportunity?

A DEEPER DIVE:

- » Peter describes Christians as 'foreigners and exiles' in this world. In what practical ways does viewing yourself as an exile change how you respond to injustice or mistreatment in your daily life?
- » Peter instructs believers to live such good lives among unbelievers that even those who accuse them of wrongdoing may eventually glorify God. Can you think of a time when your conduct either opened or closed a door for someone else to see Jesus?
- » Jesus is either Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all. What areas of your life are most difficult to surrender to His lordship, and what is the cost of holding those areas back?
- » Peter calls believers to honor governing authorities even while writing under the reign of Nero, one of the most brutal persecutors of Christians in history. What does it look like to honor a leader you deeply disagree with without compromising your convictions or bending your allegiance to Christ?
- » Peter addresses slaves submitting to harsh masters, not to endorse the unjust system but to speak to those trapped within it. How does the principle of behaving with the Spirit of Christ in difficult work or authority relationships apply to your own situation today?
- » In what specific circumstances do you find it hardest to resist the urge to retaliate or get even, and what would it look like to entrust that situation to God instead?
- » Corrie ten Boom's story illustrates that responding like Jesus often requires supernatural help, as she prayed 'Jesus, help me' before she was able to extend forgiveness. What does her story reveal about the relationship between our own limits and God's enabling grace when doing right costs us something significant?
- » The cross is both the source of our forgiveness and the path we are called to follow. Jesus did right when it cost Him everything. How does meditating on Christ's suffering and humility change the way you approach moments when doing the right thing feels too costly?

NEXT STEPS:

This week, choose one of the following to put into practice:

- 1. Identify One Person** Who is difficult for you to honor, forgive, or respond in a Christlike way? Write their name down privately and pray for them this week.
- 2. Trust God With the Outcome** Ask yourself:
 - What am I trying to control?
 - Where am I demanding that I be proven right?
 - What would it look like to entrust this situation to God?