

Forged: Week 3

June 4th, 2023

A LIFE OF SUBMISSION:

REVIEW:

- We are exiles from the world—strangers.
- But chosen by God.
- We are individually forged; chosen; justified; sanctified.
- Holiness is love that binds us together like mortar.
 - **1 Peter 2:11–12 (ESV)**
 - **Galatians 6:14 (ESV)**
 - **1 Peter 2:9–10 (ESV)**

TODAY'S TEXT: 1 PETER 2:13-17

- Remember Peter's context: he is in jail and has been kicked out of Jerusalem and Rome.

1st: SUBMISSION/HUMILITY: A characteristic of Holiness.

- Maturity is holiness—which equals love—which requires humility.
- Submission before God leads to submission before God's delegated authority.
- External submission isn't necessarily humility.
- Balancing submission before God and others—the nuances.
- Are there conditions to submission?

Hesed is not an emotional response to beauty, merit, or kindness, but a moral attitude dedicated to another's good, whether or not that other is lovable, worthy, or responsive.

Agapē, generally assumed to mean moral goodwill which proceeds from esteem, principle, or duty, rather than attraction or charm.

- **Agapē** means to love the undeserving, despite disappointment and rejection.

SUBMISSION DEFINED:

- The condition of being submissive, humble, or compliant. An act of submitting to the authority or control of another.

HUMILITY DEFINED:

- Freedom from pride or arrogance.
- Freedom from freedom for.
 - **1 Peter 1:22 (NIV)**
 - **Galatians 5:6 (NIV)**

2nd: Why should I submit?

- Out of reverence for Christ.
- Because He set the example and asked us to.
- Because of what He has done for us already.
- Because He is faithful to do what He has promised.
 - **Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)**
 - **Hebrews 10:23 (NIV)**

3rd: What does humble submission get me?

- Order
- Relationship
- Blessing

4th: Submit where? In every sphere (Personal, Home, Church, World, Spiritual Realm).

- Slaves and masters (servants and masters)
- Husbands and wives
- Later in the church sphere

TO DISCUSS IN LIFE GROUP OR WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Passages to consider: 1 Peter 2:9-3:12 (NIV)

Ice Breaker: How much trouble did you get into in your school days? Explain.

- What from the sermon was meaningful or important to you?
 1. Read **1 Peter 2:9-17**. What stands out to you from this passage?
 2. In what ways is *“doing good to impact those around you, even those who do not follow Jesus, and submitting to various authorities,”* part of your thinking?
 3. What does showing respect for others look like practically? Think about: in your home, in your neighborhood, in your workplace, in how you interact with businesses/government and authorities/social media?
 4. Read **1 Peter 2:18-25**. What has been your experience with *‘suffer for doing good’*? What has been your experience with growing in humility and submission to others?
 5. How does your relationship with Jesus, seeing yourself as part of a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, and a people belonging to God, affect how you do your job and relate to the society around you? (*Note: we all have ‘jobs’. Some are paid; some are investments in those around us.*)
 6. What helps you remember this is who you are (**1 Peter 2:9-10**) as you interact with your community and people close to you?
 7. Read **1 Peter 3:1-12**. This summer how would you like your relationships at home to be impacted by following Jesus, especially in the areas of humility and concern for others (think of what is your part)? What steps do you need to take to stay connected and grow this summer?

NEXT WEEK: Read through **1 Peter** at least once – try a chapter a day.

Passages to prepare: 1 Peter 3:1 - 1 Peter 4