

Faith that Endures Unjust Suffering
Sermon Based Discussion (February 7, 2016)
Living Faith, 1 Peter, part 2

WARM UP

1. How often do people encounter unreasonable managers, teachers, or employers? (Rarely, sometimes, frequently, or all the time?)

How do people typically respond to an unreasonable or unfair manager?

Living the Christian life means integrating Christianity into every aspect of our lives, including the workplace. We will spend most of our waking hours involved in work. And we will encounter all kinds of people at work.

In this session, we consider how a living faith endures unjust suffering from the hands of an unfair or unreasonable boss/manager/employer. This can be hard and frustrating. So it's no wonder that people need God's power to show grace and love in such situations.

INTO THE BIBLE (Read 1 Peter 2:18-25)

2. Why does Peter want Christians to submit respectfully to those in economic authority (i.e., our employers, bosses, managers)?
3. Why is submitting respectfully to unreasonable managers more pleasing to God than submitting to good and kind ones?
4. What does Peter mean by calling believers to endure unjust suffering?

UNDERSTANDING

5. How does Jesus provide the example for this?
6. Does this passage teach that an employee should do everything a boss demands? How should a Christian draw the line, if at all?

DIFFERENCE

7. How do you feel when you hear the idea of enduring unjust suffering and submitting respectfully, even to an unreasonable manager?
8. What situation(s) from your own life does this passage bring to your mind?

APPLICATION

9. What is one thing you would do this week in response to this Bible teaching?
10. Pray for one another to discern how to honor God in such situations. Pray also for any bosses who we find unreasonable—that God would work in their lives as well.