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**1 Peter – “A Living Hope”**

**Session 9**

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**“Above and beyond conduct”**

It is easy to conduct ourselves in a godly way when everything is going our way, and people are treating us well. But how do we respond when we are treated harshly or suffer wrongfully? This is the standard of conduct that Peter calls us to in this passage, and which Jesus exemplified for us during His time on earth. Nobody suffered more wrongfully than Jesus, **“who committed no sin,”** yet suffered for us sinners. Retaliation when we are mistreated seems reasonable until you look at Jesus, who **“bore our sins”** that we might live righteously for Him. Examine yourself to see if you are living obediently to Jesus example of above and beyond conduct.

**Passage:** 1 Peter 2:18-25 (NKJV)

**Personal Study Time Questions:**

**Scripture: 1 Peter 2:18**

What type of **“masters”** does Peter call us to be **“submissive”** to **“with all fear”**; to good ones only?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 2:19; Ephesians 6:5-6**

Why are we to **“endure grief”** and **“suffer wrongfully”** according to Peter? What reason does Paul give for submitting to earthly masters?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 2:20**

When is it “*commendable before God*” to suffer according to Peter?

**Scripture: Matthew 5:43-48**

The same idea this lesson gives is found in Matthew 5. What command does Jesus give us in reference to our “*enemies*” in the Gospel of Matthew that seems so contradictory from a human standpoint? What do we show ourselves to be when we practice His command?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 2:21**

What does Peter give as a justification for calling us to such conduct? What does he call us to do as a result?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 2:23**

What “*example*” of Jesus godly conduct does Peter give us to follow? Why was Jesus able to do so?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 2:24**

What was Jesus expectation of us in His suffering for us on the cross?

**Personal Application:**

How can Jesus example of conduct in the face of suffering mistreatment, as described in our passage, help you in your conduct when others treat you harshly without cause; or even with cause? What examples can you think of where you didn't respond in a "**commendable**" way when being mistreated? How about times when you did submit in a godly way? Meditate on how Matthew 16:24 might help you to respond differently when you are mistreated in the future. What thought can you keep in mind?

**Hiding God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):**

"Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully."

1 Peter 2:18-19