

## LIVING HOPE

### Part 6: Surviving In An Unfair World

Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. 19 For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

#### 1 Peter 2:18-23

1. Live in **RESPONSE** to **GOD**, not in **RESPONSE** to the **WORLD**. vs. 18-20

- All people deserve **RESPECT**.
- We are **COMMENDED** by God, not man
- Suffering is a part of our **CALLING**.

2. **FOLLOW** the **EXAMPLE** of Jesus, not the **INCLINATION** of **MAN**. vs. 21-23

Jesus Suffered:

- UNJUSTLY
- PATIENTLY
- FOR A PURPOSE

JUST A THOUGHT:

- Don't be SURPRISED by SUFFERING and MISTREATMENT.
- Focus more on HIS HOPE rather than OUR ANSWERS.
- Survival begins with a HEART EXAM.