

Sermon Notes

Follow in Christ's Footsteps for Sinners Who Make You Suffer

1 Peter 2:21-25

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

2:21 You have been called to suffer, like Christ suffered for you.

We are to follow Christ's example. He suffered to serve God's purposes, for the sake of saving sinners, us.

2:22-23a Christ did no sin, nor speak anything bad in return to those causing Him suffering.

No deceit

No insults

No threats

2:23b Rather, Christ kept entrusting the Just Judge.

2:24-25 Christ served God's purposes, in suffering, for the sake of saving sinners, the very people who caused His suffering.

The sinners who make you suffer, you have been just like them, and yet Christ sacrificed Himself for you.

Will you be like Christ, for them?

Who in your life mistreats you, in big or small ways?

How do you want to respond to them differently than you have?

Speak no evil back to those you feel mistreated by:

No deceit, No insults, No threats

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Application questions for 11/19/17 sermon

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This outlook, that Christ suffered to serve God's purposes, for the sake of saving sinners, including us, and we are supposed to follow His example in doing similar. What is your reaction to that?

Are you willing to suffer mistreatment, to maybe show someone Christ in you? What would motivate you to do that?

What are your obstacles to living that out, in your situations/relationships? How might you overcome those?

How was Christ, humanly, able to do it, according to Peter (2:23b)?

(Make sure to make it to these next two questions, and try to have everyone answer.)

Who in your life mistreats you, in big or small ways? Maybe you shouldn't share out loud if people in the group know who that is. But at least identify them in your mind.

How do you want to respond to them differently than you have? Here are some ideas: no deceit (tricking or manipulating them in some way, maybe things like crying as manipulation, throwing a fit, or yelling), no insults, no threats. Talk specifically about what your changes would be like.

How are you going to remind yourself to behave that way? And how are you going to have the strength to behave that way?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.

(Try to have everyone answer.)

What is something going on in your life or thinking that we should know?

Bonus, if time:

Was there anything new or interesting or new you learned in this sermon?