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Follow the Leader
1 Peter 2:13-24

1 Peter 1:1 *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen...*

Do you know what it feels like to be an insider?

Do you know what it feels like to be an outsider?

I. _____ to Unjust Authority

1 Peter 2:13-15 *Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, 14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. 15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.*

- Do right--
- Submit yourselves--

II. _____ to Unjust Authority

1 Peter 2:16-17 *Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. 17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.*

- The Gospel defeats all sin--
- Personal, corporate, systemic--

III. Submit to Household Authority

1 Peter 2:18-20 *Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. 19 For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.*

IV. Our Example of Submitting and Subverting--_____

1 Peter 2:21-24 *For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.*

Main Point:

Field Notes: Reflections From Outside

1. How do you respond to unjust situations you are in? What is your first reaction to a perceived injustice?
2. What would it look like to submit to unjust systems that are in place and live like free people in a way that subverts those systems?
3. How can the message of grace transform the world where you live?
4. How do you see Christ's suffering death and triumph over death as an example of how you can overcome difficulties you face?

Want to think more about subverting injustice?

- UMC - umc.org/how-we-serve/advocating-for-justice
- International Justice Mission - ijm.org



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