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“Be an Example in Unjust Times”

REVIEW:

Though we are not citizens of this fallen world, we do have _____ responsibilities.

We must live _____ among others so that they may see our good works and glorify God on the day He visits.

We Need to GO _____! Make A Difference.
(what did you do this week?)

Memory Verses: (please stand)
1 Peter || 1:3 1:15–16 - 2:1 - 2:17

“Be an Example in Unjust Times”

These may be tough passages, but we cannot simply skip sections of scripture that may cause us to be uncomfortable. Even though the focus is not what is favorable to discuss - we can find that even in these precious verses we find

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____.

Because, even in the darkest night - God is still shining His light of hope to all people.

1. Honor God Even in an Unrighteous Institution - VS 18-20

1. Nowhere in scripture is slavery _____.

Rather here, we see even in an unrighteous institution, we as believers can honor God. Don't let the abuse or misuse of a good thing make you throw away the thing itself. (the Gospel) the cure for misuse is proper use.

-Reclaim the beautiful global gospel: Jesus is the Saving King.

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Honor God even in an unrighteous institution - VS 18-20 (cont.)

2. As believers our primary objective is to bring _____ to God.
(1 Peter 2:12; Matthew 5:16)

3. We are not just to bring honor to God when times are good, but even when we suffer _____ and painful times. (vs 19-20)

Joseph's Story (Genesis 39:1-20)

- Though he acted with integrity towards his master
- He was treated unjustly (1 Peter 2:19)
- Even when treated unjustly : Joseph entrusted himself to the Lord who "extended kindness to him" and "granted him favor"
(Gen. 39:21)
- This does not negate using JUST means to address UNJUST treatment.

God wants us to _____ for those treated unjustly, and stand with them - this is how we obey 1 Peter 2:17. (Honor everyone)

2. Our Suffering Savior - VS 21-25

1. Jesus is the greatest example of _____ we will ever know. We are the reason He freely suffered.
2. Jesus suffering was _____, because he was sinless (vs22) however - *if* Jesus is our example... Rather than returning evil for evil, Jesus entrusted himself to the one who judges justly (vs23) then likewise; even in unjust times we must rely on God's provision and promises. (He will not leave us - He will not forsake us)
3. The purpose of Christ's righteousness? So that, having died to sin, we might live for _____. (vs24)

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Our Suffering Savior - Continued.

Righteousness:

- Is the standard that God requires. (Doing what is right)
- If you are saved (follow Christ as Savior) :
 - Jesus gave you the ability to turn off sin, and turn righteousness on. We can say NO to sin and yes to righteousness.
 - We can stand firm and say _____ to Satan's agenda and yes to God's agenda for your life. (Romans 1:16-17) (Psalm 34:19)

Our pursuit of holiness must lead us to live righteous lives. Meaning - that we consistently seek to do what is right in the eyes, and will of God. -PW

3. The Time to Come Home. (vs 24-25)

1. It is by Jesus wounds that we have _____.
2. All healing is connected to _____ wounds, and His wounds are connected to His death for sin.
3. Healing is found in Jesus, and in Him alone are we made complete.
4. It is time for many here today to _____ (vs25)

Astray: The unsaved, the undecided, the unrepentant, the backslider, the lost, the weary, the proud, all have opportunity to come home to the Loving father. (Hebrews 11:25) (Luke 15)

What decision will you make today?

1. Follow Jesus as Savior (Romans 10:9, Romans 10:13, John 3:16)
2. Turn back, Come Home, Rededicate my life to Christ (Joel 2:12, Rev. 2:5) - God is waiting for you, you are His Child.

*What does it benefit someone to gain the whole world and yet lose his own life?
Mark 8:36*

And just as it is appointed for people to die once and then the judgment.

Heb. 9:27