

## HE ENTRUSTED HIMSELF TO GOD – 1 PETER 2:18-25

*Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. [19]For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. [20]For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. [21]For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. [22]He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. [23]When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. [24]He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. [25]For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

### **What is your first response when you are treated unfairly?**

**Servants, be subject to your masters** – Ephesians 6:5-9, Colossians 3:22-25, 1 Timothy 6:1-2, Titus 2:9-10,

**For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly** – 1 Peter 3:9, 1 Peter 3:13-16, 1 Peter 4:12-19, Matthew 5:10-11, Matthew 5:38-48, Romans 12:9-21, Philippians 2:3-11

“[T]he focus on “rights” in the workplace, whatever the results, is incongruous with the Christian life. Believers are to be concerned instead with obedience and submission to God’s will. When they obey and submit to their superiors, as He commands, they prove that their real hope is in the world to come.”  
– John MacArthur

**For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example** – Isaiah 53

### **What specifically in Christ’s example are to follow? How might this be followed in the workplace?**

Hebrews 12:1-3, Galatians 3:13, Hebrews 4:15-16, Hebrews 12:1-6, Mark 14:53-65, Mark 15:16-20, Mark 8:31-33

“Because the culmination of Christ’s sufferings was crucifixion, a form of execution reserved for slaves, noncitizens and other undesirables, perhaps the usefulness of Jesus’ example even for slaves was a little more obvious to thoughtful first-century Christian readers than it might be for some contemporaries who live with an extraordinarily domesticated cross. Many commentators note that these lines from Peter are the more moving when one remembers how Peter once rebuked his Master for saying that the Messiah had to suffer, be crucified, and rise again.” – G. K. Beale & D. A. Carson, *Commentary on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament*

**For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls** – Mark 14:27, Ezekiel 34:11-13, Isaiah 40:10-11, Isaiah 41:8-11, Psalm 23