



When Your Boss Is a Jerk

Lesson Three • 1 Peter 2:18-23

What Do You Do...

When life as a sojourner leads to unjust suffering in the workplace?

How should we respond to unjust suffering in the workplace?

We should submissively ENDURE unjust suffering by entrusting ourselves to God!

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For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.
1 Peter 2:18-19*

The Sojourner's Life of Suffering in the Workplace

1. The Mandate: Be SUBMISSIVE to Your Boss at Work!

Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. 1 Peter 2:18

But what if my boss is a jerk?

Submit to the boss who is GRACIOUS and submit to the boss who is HARSH.

2. The Motive: To PLEASE God at Work!

For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer for it, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. 1 Peter 2:19-20

“Taking It” When You Don’t Deserve It

There’s no CREDIT in “taking it” when you are in the wrong and deserve it.

But we PLEASE God when we submissively “take it” even though we are in the right and don’t deserve it.

3. The Mission: To Make GOD Known at Work through Suffering!

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us... 1 Peter 2:21a

The Nature of Our Calling as Sojourners in Hostile World

When you live faithfully, you will SUFFER unjustly, but it is through our suffering that we make God known!

4. The Model: The Suffering of Christ Is My Example to Follow at Work!

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: “Who committed no sin, nor was guile found in His mouth”; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously. 1 Peter 2:21-23

Following the Example of Christ at Work Means

I won’t RETALIATE when I am mistreated unjustly.

The Sojourner’s Life of Suffering Is So Radical—How is it even possible to live?

It is only possible as we TRUST God who judges righteously!

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