

“A Living Hope”

Week 4: Living as Aliens and Strangers

1 Peter 2:11-25

Main idea: When our alien identity causes suffering (and it will!), we follow in Christ’s footsteps and live out His mission by returning good for evil.

I. **Fight** _____ . (v. 11)

How we do battle against sinful desires:

- Scripture
- Prayer
- Community

II. **Do** _____ . (v. 12)

III. _____ **yourself.** (vv. 13-20)

- To governing authorities

- To masters/employers

IV. **Follow** _____ . (vv. 21-25)

- Christ's suffering is not just our example, it's our _____!
- I CAN'T BUT JESUS CAN AND HE LIVES IN ME!!!!

Time to "marinate":

- 1) What truth stood out to you the most from today's lesson and why?
- 2) Which "weapon(s)" most often goes unused in your battle against sin: Scripture, prayer, and/or community? What change can you make today to ensure that you're using *all* the weapons God's has given you?
- 3) Have you ever seen 1 Peter 2:12 play out in real life? (someone being drawn to Christ by observing, over time, the "excellent behavior/good deeds" of a follower of Christ)
- 4) Has today's lesson shed any new light on the topic of submission for you? If so, what?
- 5) What stands out to you the most about Christ's example of submission?
- 6) Where is submission hardest in your life? What has Christ's death and resurrection enabled you to do in this situation starting NOW? (Examples: He has enabled you to respond differently, to be humble, to bless and not curse, to forgive, to put the injustice in the Father's hands, etc.)