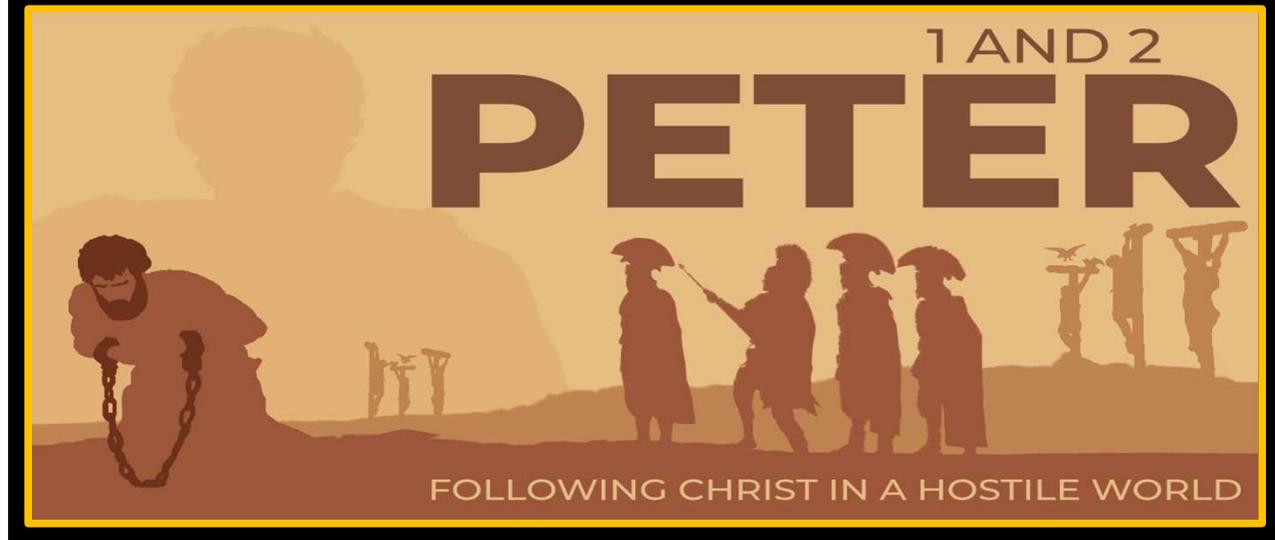


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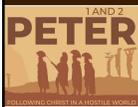
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Bible Study Schedule Jan – Feb 2022

Date	Study Title	Scriptures
1/12/2022	Strangers In the World	I Peter 1:1 – 12
1/19/2022	Called To Be Different	I Peter 1:13 – 25
1/26/2022	Do I Want To Grow Up?	I Peter 2:1 – 12
2/2/2022	In His Steps	I Peter 2:13 – 3:7
2/9/2022	If I'm Living Right, Then why Do I Hurt So Much	I Peter 3:8 – 22
2/16/2022	Christians At Risk	I Peter 4
2/23/2022	TLC For Trying Times	I Peter 5



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This Week's Lesson – February 2, 2022

I & II Peter: Following Christ In A Hostile World

Lesson 4:

In His Steps

I Peter 2:13 – 3:7



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Introduction to I Peter

Author: 1 Peter 1:1 identifies the author as the apostle Peter.

Date of Writing: between A.D. 60 and 65.

Purpose of Writing: To encourage the dispersed believers to endure suffering in an obedient, victorious life.

Practical Application:

- The assurance of eternal life is given to all Christians.
- One way to identify with Christ is to share in His suffering.
- We are to stand up for Biblical Truth and rejoice when the world and Satan aim to hurt you.

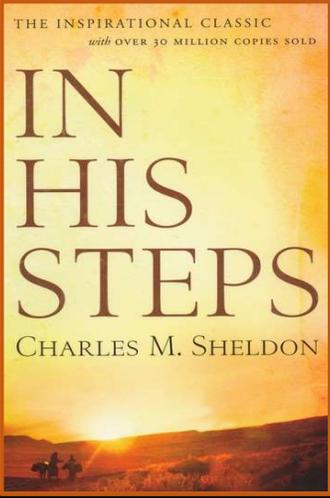


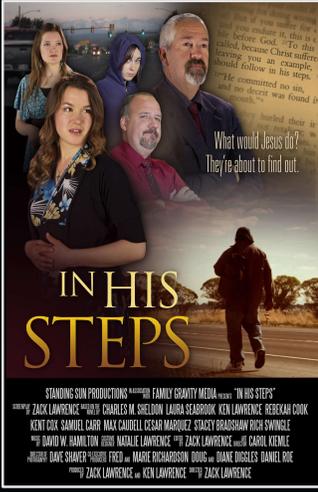
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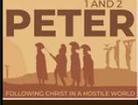
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In His Steps – “What Would Jesus Do?”









I Pet 2:21 was the inspiration for the Book “In His Steps by CM Sheldon, It also was made into a movie in 2013 and spawned the “W.W.J.D.” Bracelet movement.

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Read I Peter 2:13 – 3:7

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I Peter 2:13 – 17 (NIV)

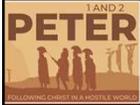
13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority,

14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

15 For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.

16 Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves.

17 Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.



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I Peter 2:18 – 21 (NIV)

18 Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.

19 For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God.

20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

21 To this you were called, **because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.**



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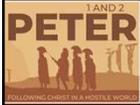
1 Peter 2:22 – 25 (NIV)

22 “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

25 For “you were like sheep going astray, ”but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.



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1 Peter 3:1 – 4 (NIV)

1 Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives,

2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes.

4 Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight.



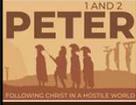
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1 Peter 3:5 – 7 (NIV)

5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands,

6 like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

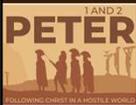
7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.



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1. Find several examples of submission in this passage. What is difficult about each?

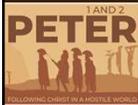
Examples of Submission	Difficulties
Submit To God's Will (v.13a)	It goes against our natural emotions and sometimes even what is logical.
Submit To Governing Authorities (vv. 13b – 16)	The Government can be unfair or even oppressive sometimes.
Submit To "Masters"/Employers (v. 17)	It is tempting to just "get by" The one I work for can be mean, unfriendly, and unfair.
Submission To One Another (vv. 18 – 20)	People can be difficult with different ideas. The past can also make things difficult as well.



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Examples of Submission	Difficulties
Submit To Christ's Example (vv. 21 – 25)	Suffering as Christ did is never easy – giving His life for people who certainly did not deserve it.
Wives Submit To Husbands (vv.3:1 – 4)	Husbands – especially if they are unsaved can be difficult. They have human faults and shortcomings.
Husband Submit To Wives (vv. 3:5 – 7)	Because Wives are “Weaker” it tempting to be domineering – not seeing them as equal partners

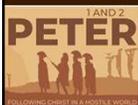


“... which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ (Mat. 22:36 – 37, 39)

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2. According to Peter, why should Christians treat their governing leaders with respect (2:13-15)?

- **It Pleases The Lord:** It pleases God When We Do The Hard Things For His Sake – Even When We Submit To The Government.
- **Fulfills The Purpose Of Lord:** The Government Fulfills God's Purpose To Keep Law And Order In The Earth.
- **Proves The Will Of The Lord:** When we respect our leaders for Jesus' sake, it refutes the lies of people.



...do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Rom. 12:2 (NIV)

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3. How could the teachings of 2:16-17 keep you from becoming a “doormat” to your government?

- **Rejoice In Spiritual Freedom:** No matter how oppressive and evil people and the Government can be – they cannot erase what Jesus has done in our lives.
- **Reverence The Sovereignty Of God:** Our freedom does not give us license to do evil – even when motivated by a “good cause”.
- **Respect The Sacred and Secular:** Show Godly love and respect the world, fellow believers, and the government.



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4. What are the connections between Christ’s suffering and a Christian’s submission in the situation of slavery (2:18-21)?

- **Obedience In Suffering:** Christians, like Christ are to treat others the same – regardless of how we are treated
- **Innocence Toward Suffering:** Christians like Christ, are to live in such a way that no one accuse us of wrong.
- **Compliance Toward Suffering:** Since Jesus suffered, we will eventually face suffering as well.

“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death...” Phil. 3:10 (NIV)

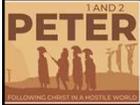


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5. How might a similar trust in God help you to submit to the necessary suffering that has come into your own life (v. 23) ?

- **Trust In God To Repay:** Trusting God when people mistreat, falsely accuse me, or say things I may disagree with (Facebook, YouTube, etc.)
- **Trust In God Restore:** Even when the authorities unjustly exercise their authority (Police, Government, etc.) we submit and trust in God to restore and Justify.

“Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord” Rom 12:19 (NIV)



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6. What can you find that is “progressive” about Peter’s marriage principles in 3:1-7?

Principles For Christian Husbands (v.7)

- **Perspective Toward Women:** Husbands are to treat wives with respect and care in the way Jesus cares for us.
- **Partnership With Women:** Husbands are to see wives/women as their equals in the sight of God.
- **Prayer Prerequisites With Wives:** Husbands are to see their wives as spiritual partner – failure to live up to these principles hinders prayer.

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Gal. 3:28-29 (NKJV)



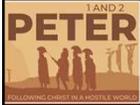
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Principles For Christian Wives (vv. 1 – 6):

- **Power Of Witness:** Christian wives can have a powerful witness - to their unbelieving Husbands.
- **Presence Of Women:** A Christian wife modesty and good character is pleasing to and favored By God.
- **Precedence In The Word:** Christian wives model the behavior of their OT predecessors – not the current world.

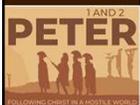
Note: In the same way Christ entrusted Him to God, a woman entrusts herself to her husband. Paul’s command of wifely submission does not permit emotional or physical abuse.



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7. What reasons did Peter give for acting according to these principles?

- **Present The Gospel:** These principles help to present or demonstrate the Gospel to unbelieving spouses.
- **Praise To God:** Walking in these principles brings honor and glory to God.
- **Pattern of Godly:** Behavior: Puts us in line with the Godly examples in past – giving us principles to pass on.
- **Preserve Godly Relationships:** Respect with honor of the roles of Husbands and Wives preserve Relationships.
- **Power In Prayer:** Following these principles removes every hinderance to God’s power in prayer



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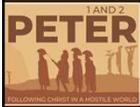
8. Walking “in his steps” will often lead to submission—and even to suffering. Why might you choose this route?

Why Do Christians Suffer?

1. We Suffer Because We Live in a Fallen World (2 Cor. 4:7–10).
2. We Suffer Because God Uses It to Produce Good in Us (James 1:2–4).

Suffering in the hands of God is a powerful tool of personal growth and transformation.

- Suffering has the power to destroy our self-reliance.

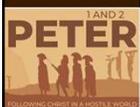


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8. Walking “in his steps” will lead to submission and suffering. Why might you choose this route?

- Suffering has the power to lay waste to our idols
- Suffering Prepares Us for How God Will Use Us
- Suffering Teaches Us That This World Is Not Our Final Home.

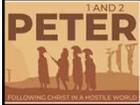
“...Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.” Matt. 16:24 – 25 (NIV)



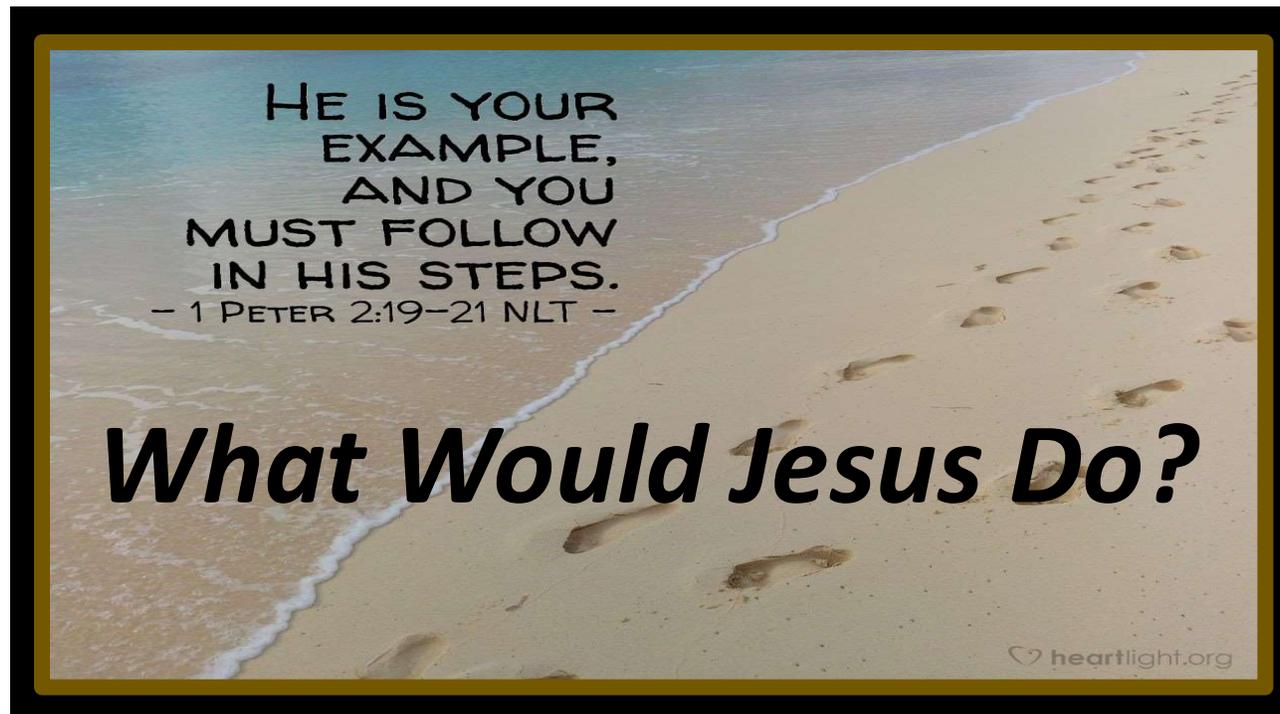
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Keys For Living

- We show our submission to Jesus by demonstrating submission to every earthly authority – understanding that all authority is ordained by God.
- Submission to authority does not mean that we allow people to take advantage of us, but to use God’s wisdom to know how and when to stand up for what is right.
- As we are called to follow Jesus’ example, we should expect to face trial and hardships. However, we can be confident that God will see us through.



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