***In Times Like These - James, Peter, John, Jude***

**Lesson 9**

**What About My Rights?**

Read I Peter 2:11-25

 Memory Work: I Peter 2:23,24

 1.a. Define: Sojourners Pilgrims

 b. Of what should these words remind believers? Hebrews 11:8-10.

 2.a. What are we to abstain from. . .because?

 b. What are fleshly lusts?

 c. From verse 12, as believers, what is our conduct to be among unbelievers. . .why?

 3.a. From verses 13-17, as believers, what is our conduct to be toward those in authority? Also see

 Romans 13:1-14; Titus 3:1-3; Proverbs 21:1.

 b. What does it mean to submit?

 c. How does knowing who we are help us to submit to those in authority over us? See Romans 12:16-21

 d. From I Peter 2:15, . . .”For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may. . .

 e. How many people are we to honor? Verse 17. . .(how is this possible?)

 4.a. How might verses 18 and 19 be applied to the workplace?

 b. What does Peter mean when he says to be submissive to your masters with all fear. . .even to the

 harsh?

 5.a. How does a believer respond to suffering for doing good? I Peter 2:18,19.

 b. Do you find this easy to do?

 c. What great example are we to follow? Verse 21.

 d. In verse 22, what Old Testament prophet is Peter quoting? (See cross reference)

 e. List Christ’s examples from verses 21-25.

 f. How much does Christ love you?

 6.a. In what situations is it commendable to endure grief or suffering? Acts 5:29. Read Daniel 3:7-30;

 Daniel 6.

Challenge b. Give a summation of each situation

 c. How important is the “but if not” in Daniel 3:16-18?

Review d. What is commendable before God? See I Peter 2:18-20.

 e. As a believer, who owns your life. . . are you living your life as if this is the case?

 7. The statements below describe what it might mean to “bear up under the pain of unjust suffering”

 (I Peter 2:19). With Christ’s pattern in mind, decide whether you think each statement is true or false. Be able to support your conclusions with Scripture; some sample references for you to think about are given. (Note: you may want to tackle just one or two of these issues.)

 T F You should never try to escape from unjust suffering. (Luke 4:28-30; Acts 9:23-25, 28-30. Also Matthew 2:13-15; Acts 12:6-11, 23:1-10.)

 T F You should never try to escape from unjust suffering if escape would require you to harm someone.

 (I Samuel 24:4-7; Nehemiah 4:15-20; Luke 6:27-31.

 T F You should never try to escape from unjust suffering if you risk harming yourself. (Acts 9:23-25; 28-30;

 Acts 12:6-11; 23:1-10.)

 T F God can always draw good results from your suffering. (Romans 8:28.)

 T F God intends any suffering you experience and does not want you to pray for or seek escape from it. (Psalm 109:21-31; 116:1-11; Matthew 26:39,41.)

 T F You may always seek to know what purpose God might have for your suffering. (Proverbs 16:4; John 15:15.)

 T F You should endure unjust suffering without retaliating in actions, words, or thoughts. (Romans 12:14-21;

 I Peter 2:21-23.)

 T F You should never let anyone know you think your suffering is unjust. (John 18:23; Acts 5:40-42; 23:1-5;

 Acts 25:8-11; Philippians 1:12-18.)

 T F There is no such thing as unjust suffering; you are a sinner, so you deserve your suffering. (Matthew 2:16;

 Luke 13:1-5; John 15:17-19; II Timothy 3:12.)

True/False test taken from I Peter, NavPress 1987.