

# STANDING FIRM

## 1 Peter 2:18-25

<sup>18</sup> Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.<sup>19</sup> For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.

<sup>21</sup> For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, <sup>22</sup> who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; <sup>23</sup> and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; <sup>24</sup> and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

1) Write down 10 observations and 5 questions about the passage.

2) What are the main verbs and the main subjects of the passage?

3) Why would Peter's audience need to hear this message?

### How to Study the Bible

1. Pray
2. Read the passage multiple times
3. Identify key verbs, nouns, and repeated words or phrases
4. Write down questions
5. Check context, cross-references
6. Check commentaries
7. Ask "Why does this matter?"

- 4) In what way are you a servant?
  
- 5) How should you respond to those in authority?
  
- 6) According to verse 19, what is the key to enduring unjust sorrows?
  
- 7) What is the difference between suffering for righteousness and unrighteousness?
  
- 8) Give 5 examples of how Christ suffered?
  
- 9) In 4-5 sentences compare how you deal with suffering to how Christ dealt with it.
  
- 10) How is verse 24 calling us to live, what is the reason for that call?
  
- 11) How are believers described in verse 25?
  
- 12) What are some ways you need to apply this passage?