

I Am Free in Jesus

Family Worksheet and Discussion Guide: October 24, 2021.

1 Peter 2:18-25

If you want to be truly _____, submit to and respect those over you (whether they are gentle or harsh). _____ and _____ are expressions of the _____ of God. When conscious of God, you continually _____ suffering by doing what is good, this is a gracious thing. (cf. Romans 5:1-5)

1. Jesus suffered but did not retaliate or return evil for evil. He _____ himself to God (21-23). Yes, I will _____ Jesus. I am free when I _____ and _____ God take care of injustices.
2. Jesus bore our sins and died so that we might _____ to _____ and live to righteousness (24). Yes, I will _____ Jesus. I am free when I hold fast to the truth that I _____ to sin and now _____ by the power of God.
3. We were straying like sheep - we were lost - we were enslaved - But now we have been found by Jesus, the good shepherd, who leads us in paths of righteousness. Yes, I will _____ Jesus. I am free when I _____ to Jesus in _____.

For discussion after the sermon:

1. What images come to your mind when you think of Jesus as the good shepherd?

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2. What is Peter's command to servants (slaves - vv. 18-20)? How does this gracious obedience enable them to live free in Jesus, even if they remain physical slaves to an abusive master? How might this relate to us in our day?
3. What might we learn from the examples of Jesus that can help us live free - free despite oppressive or abusive relationships - and free from enslavement to sinful habits/behaviours?
4. What does it mean to allow Jesus to be the Shepherd and Overseer of your soul? Why might uniting with Jesus in everything (even enduring suffering) help us to be truly free?

Prayers: