

COURAGEOUS Series

Week 5 Outline

10.18.20

1 Peter 2:12-3:7

Loving the Church. Fearing God. Honoring the King.

I. Submission in the World's Economy

- A. Obligation -something achieved through forced obligation
- B. Power -something that has everything to do with power
- C. Fear -something that is perpetuated through fear

II. The Beautiful Life

Real, faith-filled submission is the beautiful life we are called to as followers of Jesus

- A. Extends from our **Identity** (who we are)
 - Chosen
 - Royal
 - Holy
 - Special
- B. Shaped by our **Position** (whose we are)
 - in the freedom of Christ
 - as slaves to God (vs 16)
- C. Lived out in **Relationship** (how we relate to others)
 - emperors and subjects
 - masters and slaves
 - husbands and wives

WHO WE ARE + WHOSE WE ARE —> HOW WE RELATE TO OTHERS

III. We Submit ...Who for?; What with?; How to?

- A. **Who For?** *"for the Lord's sake"* (vs 13-17)
 - 1. In the freedom of Christ, As slaves to God
 - not man
 - a. *"Live as Free"*
 - unbound and liberated
 - delivered from obligation
 - but don't use your freedom to cover up evil
 - 2. For the Lord's sake:
 - a. that our good deeds may be a witness to them or against them

- b. out of sacrificial love for HIS church
- c. respecting HIS ordering of our lives
- d. seek to take up our cross and follow Jesus Christ

3. As Sojourners here, We:

- a. Love the Church (like she's the bride of Jesus)
- b. Fear God (instead of people)
- c. Honor the King (even when we are not in agreement)

FAITH-FILLED SUBMISSION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH FORCED OBLIGATION
AND EVERYTHING TO DO WITH THE FREEDOM WE HAVE IN CHRIST

B. What With? *"in reverent fear of God"*. (vs 18-25)

- 1. Entrusting our lives to God as the Just Judge -vs 23
 - a. When we decide we must retaliate and make threats, our lives become defined by the offenses made against us.
 - b. Trying to be the Judge only makes us out to be the victim.
 - Faith-filled Submission isn't about power between two humans. It's about realizing and living out *WHO* we are and *WHOSE* we are.

FAITH-FILLED SUBMISSION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH POWER,
AND EVERYTHING TO DO WITH TRUST

C. How To? *"in the footsteps of Christ"* (Ch2:21-3:7)

- 1. Our Example
 - a. a writing to be copied and traced
 - b. *"Follow in his footsteps"* -vs21
 - close behind, in his tracks just ahead of us
- 2. Our Sin-Beater
 - a. More than our example: our atoning sacrifice
- 3. Our Shepherd and Overseer
 - a. So we might die to sin and live for righteousness" -vs 24
 - b. Jesus is our Good Shepherd who seeks and gathers his flock
 - c. Jesus is our Good Shepherd who gave his life for his sheep

FAITH-FILLED SUBMISSION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH FEAR,
AND EVERYTHING TO DO WITH OUR CALLING:
TO FOLLOW JESUS IN FAITH