

Stand Firm: Standing Firm When Mistreated at Work
Sermon # 9, 1 Peter 2:18-25

Main Point: *Submit to your boss by following Jesus' example of submitting to God.*

Getting to Know You

1. Tell the group about your first job. What was it? What did you like and dislike about it?

Getting into the Book

Read 1 Peter 2:18-20

2. Give a practical example of what it looks like to submit to your boss.
3. It's easy to submit to a boss that is "good and gentle," but it's hard to submit to one that is unreasonable. Why is this so? Can you think of an example to share with the group about an unreasonable boss?
4. What is promised to us if we endure unjust treatment at work for God's sake? What do you think this means practically?
5. Put in to your own words what Peter says regarding employees who suffer for doing wrong.

Read 1 Peter 2:21-25

6. How do you react to the fact that Christians have been "called for the purpose of suffering"?
7. When we suffer, in what specific ways are we to imitate Jesus' response to suffering? Be as practical as possible.

Getting Out There

8. How can knowing that God "judges righteously" help you endure a tough work situation you are now facing?
9. What does verse 24 say about what Jesus did for you? How does this change your perspective about the trials you face at work?
10. Read Titus 2:9-10. Are your current attitudes and actions about your boss and/or work, proclaiming or defaming the gospel message to your co-workers? What specifically needs to change?

Pray

Spend time praying for each other in regard to any difficult work situations. Pray for the salvation of your supervisors at work and for God to use you as a good witness for Him.