

The Fairness Doctrine
1 Peter 2.18-25
The Weight of Grace, 8
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Understanding the relationship between suffering and grace. 2.18-20

We all serve somebody...
"Servants, be subject to your masters"

...and life as a servant is not always fair.
"not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust"

... We receive God's grace when we show endurance...
"mindful of God one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly"

... which reflects the character of Christ.
"this is a gracious thing in the sight of God"

Our lives are marked by suffering ... 2.21-25

... which is our calling as believers...
"For to this you have been called"

...seen as evidence of following the example of Christ ...
"leaving you an example, so you might follow in his steps"

... who trusted that God is good.
"continued trusting himself to him who judges justly"

... which allows us to walk in freedom.
"that we might die to sin and live in righteousness"

Our Story

Ask yourself these questions ...

how do I respond when I am suffering?
do I trust that God is good when I suffer?
do I walk in the freedom of God's righteousness?

QUOTE

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ...with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel...For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him *but also suffer for his sake...*" Phil 1.27-29