

April 7, 2024

*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*

Pastor Paul S. Brown

1 Peter 2:21-25

*“Stand Up & Stand Out”*  
“Submission in the Workplace – Part 2”

- I. Foundation: God’s Provision of Salvation (1:1-12)
- II. Exhortation: Our Response to So Great a Salvation (1:13-5:14)
  - A. Sanctification (1:13-2:12)
  - B. Submission (2:11-3:12)
    - 1. In Society (2:11-17)
    - 2. In the Workplace (2:18-25)
      - a. The Mandate (18-20)
      - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ (21-25)

So What?

## Discussion & Application:

1. Share with one another some **practical ways you submitted to authorities in the workplace** this past week? If you're "the boss / employer," share the **practical ways you were good and gentle with your employees**. What fleshly battles did you have to win in order to treat people that way?
2. What are some moral reasons a follower of Jesus might suffer unjustly in the workplace? How can a believer submit respectfully to immoral authorities while continuing to take a stand on moral issues?
3. What biblical examples do we have of believers disobeying authority? What was their reason for not obeying? What exceptions might we have today to obeying authority in the workplace?
4. What did Peter mean in 1 Peter 2:21 when he said, "For you have been called for this **PURPOSE**"? What purpose is he referring to here? Is there a connection to 1 Peter 2:11-12? How does verse 25 help you understand the purpose Peter is talking about? How does understanding that purpose help you endure unjust treatment in the workplace (or anywhere else)?
5. What word pictures are associated with "**example**" in 1 Peter 2:21? What excuses might people make for not following in the steps of Jesus as described in verses 22-24? How would you answer those excuses?
6. Peter's description of the example of Jesus quotes or alludes to **Isaiah 53**. What is the connection? What was the ultimate purpose of the Messiah in Is. 53?
7. What **principles** for our lives come out of the example of Jesus in 1 Peter 2:22-24? List as many as you can find and discuss how you can apply them when you are treated unjustly.
8. How did Jesus keep entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously? What verses could we meditate upon to help us do the same? What fleshly lusts might we have to abstain from to live that way?
9. What is the **application** for us in the middle of verse 24? We can't atone for the sins of others by dying. How might our suffering unjustly impact unbelievers who are watching?
10. Does verse 24 promise physical **healing** for believers in this life? If not, why not? Use Scripture.
11. Verse 25 starts with "**for**" (just like verse 21). How does reflecting on our waywardness and ultimate return to the Lord help us endure injustice in the workplace? What does it mean that Jesus is the **Shepherd and Guardian of our souls**?
12. **3 Month / 90-Day Challenge!** Read the whole Bible in 90 days. Here is a daily guide that Pastor Paul is using: <https://www.thebrooknetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/BibleIn90Days.pdf>
13. **Memorize 1 Peter 2:21-25.** Meditate on the example of Jesus. Ask the Lord to help you understand your purpose and empower you to walk in the footsteps of Jesus this week. Pray that He will give you His heart for evangelism so that you will suffer willingly if necessary to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

[Word for blank: *Model*]