

### **1 Peter 2:21-23**

One of the main themes Peter adopts throughout his letter is the idea of submission. He says we should submit to the government (2:13), masters (2:18), husbands (3:1) and elders in the church (5:5).

Submission is a loaded term in our day. What do we think of when we hear the word submission? What does Peter have in mind by the word? Who does Peter have in mind when he encourages us to be willing to submit to others?

Peter says Jesus leaves us an example with his suffering. Lutherans are sometimes leery of using Jesus as an example. Why would we be hesitant to use Jesus as an example? What important reminder does Peter give us about Jesus' suffering? How does Jesus' humble submission to suffering encourage us to submit to suffering?

Which chapter of the Bible does Peter quote as he finishes chapter 2? Why mention he committed no sin and deceit was not found in his mouth? When did we see Jesus refuse to retaliate against those who were insulting him?

Jesus didn't fight back when he was beaten and suffered. What is our natural reaction to suffering that people inflict on us? How does Jesus' refusal to retaliate cover over our sin? In what ways does this comfort us when we sinfully retaliate against someone who wrongs us?

Peter says that Jesus entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. Why is the fact God is a just judge a good reminder for us when we are attacked? How is it a comfort to us when we are persecuted for our faith? What makes it a good example of submission to the Lord?