



RESPECT

1 Peter 2:13-25

Following Jesus means a new view of authority

World view: God wants structure not anarchy

Purpose: Justice, morality, stability *1 Timothy 2:1-2*

God wants each of us to be a 360° disciple

+ Self-leadership *2 Peter 2:16*

+ Leading "up"

+ Leading laterally - challenge, encourage, team

+ Leading "down" - servant leadership

We want to learn to respond like Jesus did in every situation

This means respectful responsiveness (submission)

"Respect" - to regard with high value

"Submit" - to rank myself (orderly arrangement) under the leaders

God has placed in my life, unless they ask me to sin

My goal is to make my leaders successful

- Good attitudes
- Good input and communication
- Good follow through

What if they are not good leaders?

Check your own attitudes and actions

Entrust yourself to God's justice

Learn to appeal to their real desire

Daniel 1:12-14

Understand that suffering for doing what is right is noble/commendable

Jesus obeyed God and suffered much but...

The result was salvation for us

LIFE CHANGE MOMENT: *Am I really submitted to God?*

What leadership do I resent?

What can I do to make my leaders succeed?



CORNERSTONE

1 Peter 2:4-12

Jesus is a **problem**: A **stumbling** block

Bland and **customized spirituality** seems **non-offensive**

Jesus has always been **controversial**

He made **outrageous** claims *John 14:1-6*

He made radical **statements** *Matthew 7:13, 14*

He gave his life as a **ransom** to save all who believe

He is the cornerstone which was **rejected** by the builders *Acts 4:10-12*

Many will reject Him still

Jesus is the **only solution** (the Cornerstone)

He was **chosen** by God

He has chosen us and given us a **new identity**

We are **living stones**

The **vision** of being part of God's building

Personal **alignment** with the Cornerstone

Vitally **connected** to each other

We are a **royal priesthood**

Giving special sacrifices to the Lord

- **Words** of praise

Hebrews 13:15

- Words of praise *Hebrews 13:15*

- Our acts of serving *Hebrews 13:16*

- Bringing light into the darkness

We are a holy nation instead of outsiders

We are a people belonging to God

LIFE CHANGE:

- Is Jesus your cornerstone or your stumbling stone?
- What do you have to offer Jesus today?