

“Our Witness at Work”
1 Peter 2:18-25

1. This word of exhortation to servants would have been very relevant to a large number of Peter’s readers. Servants and slaves made up a high percentage of the early church and undeserved punishment was common for them. There were some “good and gentle” masters as Peter notes in verse 18. But Peter challenges servants to a new behavior in regards to masters who were harsh and unreasonable. What is it (v.18)?
2. This theme of submitting to your superiors continues what we heard in last week’s sermon in 1 Peter 2:13. As a review, whom should we submit to according to that verse?
3. Peter then contrasts in verse 19 and 20 those who sin and endure harsh treatment with those who do right and patiently bear unjust suffering. How does respectfully submitting to undeserved suffering demonstrate Christ’s love?
4. Read 2:21. Since we are called as believers to follow Christ’s example, in what ways can we emulate His character and conduct in the workplace?
5. In verse 22, Peter quotes Isaiah 53:9. What does this verse and 1 Peter 2:23 reveal about Christ as He suffered during His arrest, trial, and crucifixion?
6. What is Peter’s explanation in verse 24 of why the One who could have destroyed His enemies with a word patiently endured the pain and the humiliation of the Cross (see also Isaiah 53:5)?
7. What two titles are given to Jesus in verse 2:25 that speak to His matchless guidance and care over those who commit themselves to Him?
8. In what ways can you grow as a witness for Christ at work? How can God use you at work to share the love of Christ with your supervisor and co-workers?