Committing To God – Turning From sin

Greg Kline · 1 Peter 2:18–25 · Series: **Turning From Sin**

INTRODUCTION

- We saw in passages last Sunday that we should flee temptation and pursue righteousness, that we should abhor evil and love good.
- We often talk about how the wages of sin is death. We speak of how to flee from sin.
- There's one particular point that Peter makes in 1 Peter chapter 2, in a way that we should emulate our Lord.

1 Christ Suffered for You, Leaving an Example

1 Peter 2:18–22

- Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.
- For what credit is it if you sin and are beaten for it? You don't deserve credit for that.
- He was persecuted, yet perfect. Oftentimes we're persecuted as a result of our wrong actions, our bad choices.

2 Entrusting Ourselves to Him Who Judges Justly

1 Peter 2:23

- When he was reviled, he did not revile in return. When he suffered, he did not threaten.
- We need to entrust ourselves to him who judges justly. That's how we get through life, leaning on the Lord.
- It is every instinct and impulse of ours when we are struck to strike back. When we are insulted to insult in return, to retaliate, but that was not Jesus' way.
- Jesus' way was God's way.

3 We Aren't Stuck: We Can Be Forgiven

1 John 1:5–10

- When we speak of getting past sin, we need to realize that we have an ally in the Lord, that we aren't stuck.
- When we sin, that's not the end. It hasn't gotten us. Because God is there for us.
- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- That is the good news. We can be forgiven. But it takes knowing that I have sinned.

4 How Do We Follow in the Footsteps of Jesus?

1 John 2:1–6

- If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
- Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. That's our path.
- Any path that deviates from the footsteps of Jesus is wrong.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **That is our decision. Today and every day, we need to make the choice. I will follow Jesus. I have decided. I will follow Jesus, and there is no turning back.**

MY NOTES