1 Peter 2:18-25 (ESV)

¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1. When was a time in your life when you were treated unjustly?

2. Peter is not pretending for a moment that the Christian life will be easy. He knows that Christians will be called to suffer unjustly; after the pattern of Jesus himself. How do you respond to Peter's directive for servants/slaves in verses 18-20?

3. How do we follow in Jesus' steps as instructed in verse 21?



4. In verses 21-25, how does Peter say that Jesus faced and responded to suffering and injustice?

5. How is Jesus' sacrificial death an example for us to "die to sin and live to righteousness"?

6. How does the example of Jesus affect your outlook on the unjust suffering you have faced or do face?

7. As we wrap up our "He Went First" Introduction Series, make a list of all the ways that Jesus is our example, in addition to what we studied in this series. How do these examples effect how you live your life?



