**Example for us to Follow**

*1 Peter 2:21-25*

3 significant characteristics from Christ’s example

**I. The beauty of His example**

A. The faithful purpose

**1 Peter 2:21**—*For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps*

B. The extraordinary way it was done

**1 Peter 2:22**—*who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously*

**1 Peter 4:19**—*Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right*

**II. The drive of His example**

A. He bore our sins

**1 Peter 2:22**—*who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth,*

***Isaiah 53:9****—* *His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.*

**1 Peter 2:24**—*and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.*

**1 Peter 2:25**—*For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.*

**Isaiah 53:*6****—All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.*

B. We have been called for this purpose

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C. It finds favor with God

**1 Peter 2:18-20**—*Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.*

**2 Corinthians 5:9**—*Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.*

**III. The results of His example**

A. Providing new life in Christ

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**1 Peter 3:18**—*For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;*

B. Providing the ability to love and honor all people

**1 Peter 3:8-9**—*To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.*

**1 Peter 2:17**—*Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.*

**Next Steps:**

* How does the example of Christ motivate you to do the will of God?
* In what ways are you “walking in the good works” that God has prepared in advance for you (Eph 2:10)?
* The kids were encouraged to choose a couple of attributes of Jesus and practically serve others. How can you be an example to your children and encourage them in the journey?
* How are you looking to love those around you with the example that Christ set for you?