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RE- FLECTING GOD

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1 Peter 2:18-25

A three-year-old girl was overheard speaking forthrightly to her dolls. "It's time to get ready for bed. Go brush your teeth and put on your pajamas. Then, we'll say our prayers before I tuck you in for the night." Where did she learn this routine she was imitating? Of course, her mother had modeled this on many occasions.

Jesus, our example, modeled endurance when He suffered doing His Father's will. His endurance through suffering is to be imitated or followed by the sheep in His flock. Sheep would have difficulty living without the shepherd. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus does not leave us alone in our suffering. As the watchman or overseer, Jesus looks after the sheep's welfare with constant care. He is the guardian who guides and protects.

Even though Christ will be with us in our suffering, He does not promise the absence of suffering. Christ through silent submission patterned our response to suffering. Behavior that includes retaliation, threats, or lack of submission to authority is the opposite of Christ's example.

What is our response to suffering great injustice?

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