

PRESENTATION MATERIAL – RACHEL FRITZ

Excellence for Exiles

1 Peter 2:11-12

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Who are you based on 1 Peter 2:11-12?

Take a minute to think about the life of a foreigner or exile. Or think about a trip to different country or place. What are characteristics of their life? What do you think they feel? What does it look like as an outsider?

What is the contrast in v. 11 to v. 5?

What is the purpose to live “good lives” and “good deeds”?

What can a believer do that no one else can do?

How is excellence defined in the world?

Genesis 41:41-57 - How is Joseph giving glory to God?

1 Kings 5:3-12 - Who is giving glory to God?

1 Kings 10: 9 The Queen of Sheba's response:

"Praise be the to the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the Lord's eternal love for Israel, he has made you king, to maintain justice and righteousness."

How does a Christian demonstrate excellence?

How does God use you to do his work?

How has God revealed himself in the past?

1 Kings 17:8-16 _____

Matthew 8:5-13 _____

Acts 12:3-19 _____

Luke 7:36-50 _____

How do we see God hiding today?

How does this change how you will interact with others?

Christians working with unbelievers can see two things:

1) _____

2) _____

1 Peter 5:8-11

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers through the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen

For further Bible study

Romans 5:3-5

What does this passage tell us about our life on earth?

How is the hope listed in this passage different from the hope the world gives?

Reflect on how this passage outlines how God uses affliction to bring us closer to him:

Philippians 1:27-30

When you are standing in the world, who is standing with you?

Why do we suffer?

For whom do we suffer?

Notice that destruction and deliverance will exist in the same event. It depends on which side you are standing.

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They all have assisted me to live as an exile and prepare for this presentation.

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