

# *The Perfect Picture*

## 1 Peter 2:21-25

Nothing seems more unworthy, and therefore less tolerable, than undeservedly to suffer. But when we turn our eyes to the Son of God, this bitterness is mitigated, for who could refuse to follow Him as He goes before us?  
-John Calvin

### **I. The Picture of Perfect Submission**

## **II. The Purpose of Perfect Submission**



3. When Jesus suffered, he had the absolute power to put an end to that suffering at any point. However, in his humility, he endured to the point of death, even death on a cross. How do we tend to use our power when we encounter suffering? How does the example of Jesus correct our natural response? When Jesus was accused and abused, how did he respond to those who mistreated him? What does the New Testament call for in the believer's response to being mistreated?
  
4. When he suffered unjustly, Jesus continually entrusted himself to God who judges perfectly. What do we know about God that would prompt that same response in us? Why is it often difficult to trust God's justice during times of suffering? What truths do we need to remember that drive us back toward that continual act of trust in God?

## **For Families**

5. This is a good week to talk through the gospel with your kids. Why did Jesus have to die on the cross? It wasn't for anything that he had done, but for what we have done. Why was the unfair suffering of Jesus necessary for the salvation of his people? Help your kids understand that they can trust God, even when things aren't fair. Share a time with them when you suffered unfairly, and how you responded. Help them see where you suffered well, and where you might make changes as you look back with a more mature faith.