

Aliens and Strangers: The Life and Letters of Peter
Kingdom Training Class 3
Walk the Steps of a Stranger (1 Peter 2-3)

1 Peter 2:21-25 [Quotes from Isaiah 53]

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

“He himself bore our sins”

in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;

“by his wounds you have been healed.”

For “you were like sheep going astray,”

but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 2-3 is about IMITATION – walking “in his steps”

1. Eat the Diet of an Exile (1 Peter 2:1-3)

- Start with a healthy diet – “you are what you eat”
- Eliminate poisons: *malice deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander*
- Eat spiritually healthy food: Pure spiritual milk... the Word of God

2. Wear the Uniform of the Priesthood (2:4-10)

- You is plural!
 - We are not meant to do this alone
 - There is strength in the structure “spiritual house”
 - Each analogy is plural: chosen people, royal priesthood, holy nation, God’s special possession
- We represent Jesus to the world
 - The pressure is not so much on us as individuals
 - Don’t be fooled into thinking you can do this on your own

3. Become a Foreigner (2:11-12)

- Imitating Jesus makes us foreigners
 - *“We no longer see people from a worldly point of view”* (1 Cor 5:16)
- *Abstain from sinful desires which wage war against your soul.*
 - Fight temptations that seize us (1 Cor 10:12)
- *They may see your good deeds and glorify God* (Matt 5:16)
 - What deeds? Not religiosity, but lifestyle: serving the poor, taking care of the sick, living a lifestyle centered on God and others – not our careers or success – even with our kids!

4. Follow His Steps

1. The Steps of a Slave
2. The Steps of a Wife
3. The Steps of a Husband
4. The Steps of a Spiritual Soldier