1 Peter 2:18-25
Called to
Suffer

Suffering Grace Glory 1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. 12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

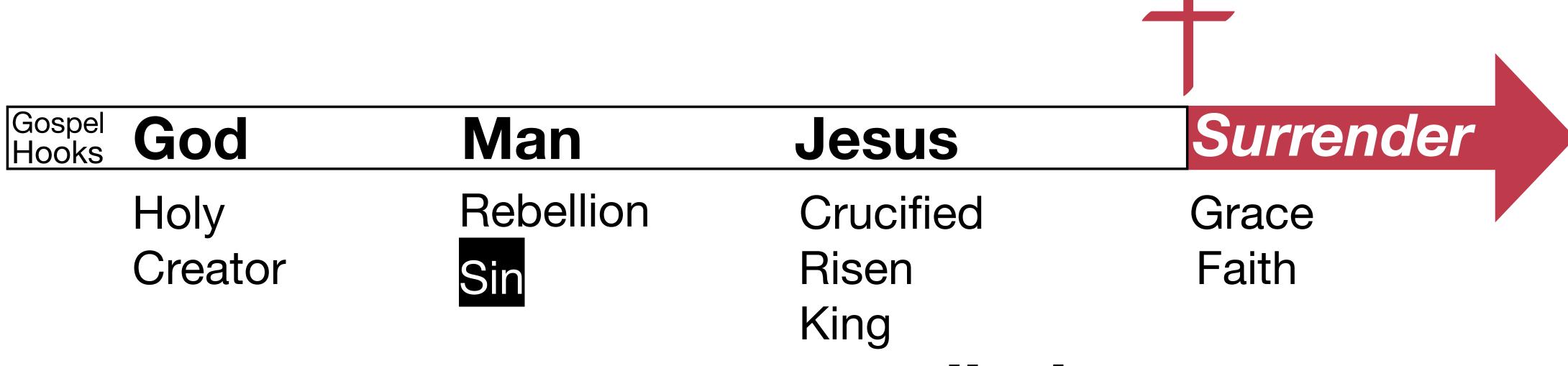
- "Loving as Christ has loved... Speak Do Tripp
- Loving others by speaking the truth in love....
- Helping others do what God has called them to do."

- 1 Peter 2:18 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.
- Employees behave with excellence to your employers.
- Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake (v. 13).
- This is more difficult when they are unreasonable.
- This is NOT to say Christians should be passive in abuse.

1 Peter 2:19 For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. 20 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.

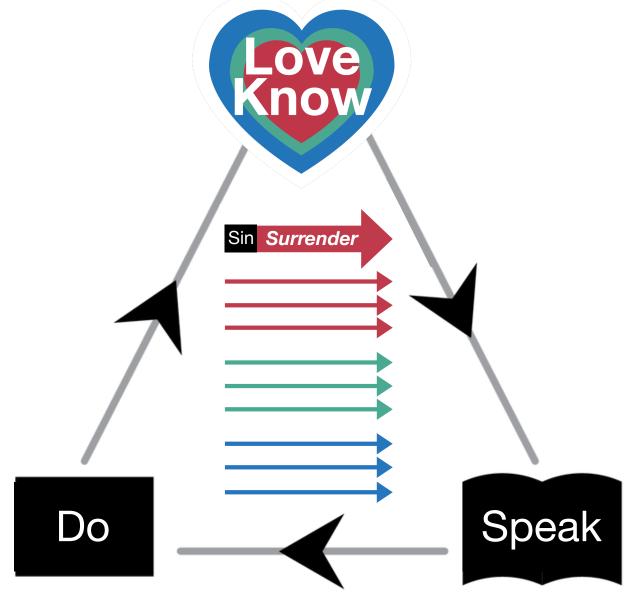
• Be willing to suffer and practice patient endurance.

Do what is right (act justly, love mercy, walk humbly).



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,

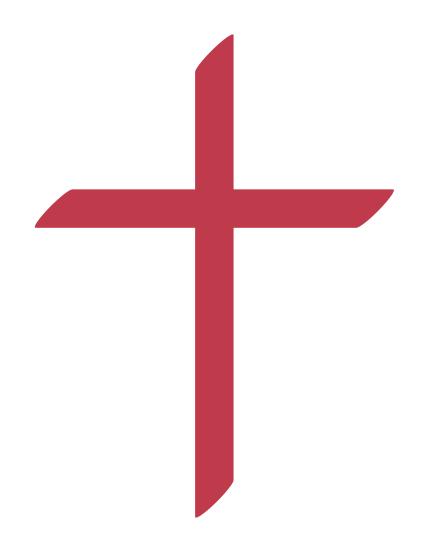
- "We represent God...
- to the people...
- God places in our lives." Tripp



- 1 Peter 2:22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; 23 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;
- Isaiah 53 points to the Suffering Servant.
- Jesus did not say "it is finished" at His baptism but after He had carried His cross for others' sake.
- Stay on God's agenda & keep entrusting yourself to Him.

- 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. 25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.
- Jesus redeemed us by bearing our sins in His death on the cross, overcoming evil.
- Sin: taking away from or missing out on God's glory
- Live to righteousness and others righteousness. (Do-Act)
- Return and keep on returning to The Shepherd. (agenda)

Practical Application & Action Steps:



- 1. Don't be a stranger to or avoider of suffering & sacrifice.
- 2. Know God's love & let God's love be known.
- 3. Imitate Jesus' example...finish well for other's sake.
- 4. See where God has you... as where God has you... See who God has you with... as who God has you with.