NEW LIFE CLASS

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BETWEEN BIBLICAL LEARNING AND RADICAL LIVING



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Faithful Living in a Hostile World

Lesson One • 1Peter 2:11-12

Our Mission in Life

To live FAITHFULLY as sojourners in a hostile world in order to make God known.

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light... Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims... 1Peter 2:9,11

Remember Who You Are

- We are the **BELOVED** people of God who are chosen by God, have access to God, are set apart for God, and belong to God.

- We are **SOJOURNERS** and pilgrims in a hostile world whose citizenship is in heaven.

The Sojourner's Life Is Lived on Two Fronts

1. The Internal Front: ABSTAIN from Sinful Desires of the Flesh!

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 1Peter 2:11

A War to Fight

Every believer is at WAR with the sinful desires of the flesh which,
if lost, will ultimately destroy you.

2. The External Front: MAINTAIN an Honorable Lifestyle in the World!

Having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe... 1Peter 2:12

A Lifestyle to Maintain

Live in such a way that even the world is **IMPRESSED** by your behavior.

When It Comes to Living an Honorable Life…

- Don't be surprised when the world unfairly **ACCUSES** you of evil works.

- Don't be surprised when the world closely **OBSERVES** your good works.

The Ultimate Issue: There Is a Glory to Magnify!

The reason we are called to live faithfully as sojourners is so the world may see our good works and glorify **GOD**!

Having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. 1Peter 2:12

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." ~Jesus, Matthew 5:16 NAS

How Does a Sojourner's Life Magnify God's Glory?

When the world looks at your life,
what they see expressed in your good works is your **HOPE** *in God.*

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. 1Peter 3:15 NIV

NEXT SUNDAY: "When Life Isn't Fair"
How should we respond to unfair treatment?