

# Exiles: A Study in 1 Peter

*Week 5: Power Within, Powerless Without | Teacher: Steve Frissell  
Sermon Questions for 10.17.2021*

## Opener

When have you been asked to do something that felt impossible? How did you approach it? What did you do?

## Read

1 Peter 2:11-25; Romans 8:5-8

## Main Points

1. Though we may face unjust treatment, we know we are exiles in this world.
2. Jesus' life in us is more powerful than any power around us.
3. Peter wrote to the most powerless people because he saw them and knew God loved them and empowered them.
4. There's a difference between will power and self-control. In our own strength, we can be polite. In the Spirit, we are loving and kind.

## Engage with God in a Group

- How does knowing the context and intent of this passage help us to understand what Peter wrote and why he addressed these specific groups?
- When have you realized you were operating "in the flesh" instead of from your identity in Christ?
- What would it mean for our daily lives if we living with the mentality that we have nothing to gain (because we've been given all that we need in Christ) and nothing to lose (because Jesus is our shepherd)? What do you do with the "everything-ness" of God?

For personal reflection: Have your words been honoring, loving, revering God? Has your language caused you to lose influence with others and possibly repelled people from Jesus?

## Bottom Line

Being treated unjustly is a unique opportunity to experience and express Jesus.