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Lesson 77: 2 Samuel 3:30-39 State Funeral

Read 1 Corinthians 8:7-13. Although the Corinthians were free to eat meat, some were still learning about the freedoms they had in Christ. How would those who ate meat sacrificed to idols be causing a problem for their brothers and sisters?

Who does Paul tell us we ultimately sin against when we flaunt our freedom at the expense of someone else's conscience?

Read Romans 14:13-15. What does Paul mean here when he pleads with the people not to destroy the one for whom Christ died?

(Think of it this way: if you knew that a friend of yours was a recovering alcoholic, you wouldn't invite them over and serve wine or ask them to meet you for lunch at a bar. You don't want to cause them to stumble. We are to be considerate of our brothers and sisters in Christ, but also truthful, with love and gentleness.)

Read 1 Peter 2:11-12. According to this passage, is our citizenship here on earth? What are we to abstain from?

Why are those things dangerous?

How should our conduct among the world be?

Why?

Is it for your glory? Is it for your safety and well being?

Read 1 Peter 3:13-17. Does Peter tell us here that, if we are zealous for doing good, everything will turn out great and no one will ever seek to harm us?

Why/why not?

Whom should we always seek to bring honor to?

In what manner?

Who will be put to shame (according to verse 16)?

What is the better reason to suffer?

Please notice, nowhere here does Peter say you won't suffer. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Yet, we are to make sure that we are suffering for God, not for our own selfish desires. Those who inflict the suffering on you will have to answer to God for it one day.

Read Titus 2:7-8. What sort of model are young men to be? Why?

As you spend time with God today, ask Him to help you to be sensitive to those around you. Ask Him to show you, in every situation, how to speak truth, how to do it in love without compromising His truth, and to help you to be a light for Him in this dark world.

Ask Him to help you to hold fast to His Truth, despite the cost on this earth. Ask Him to continue to draw you nearer and nearer to Him, and to help you to demonstrate every day that you are not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power to save us today.