

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Muskego, WI

I Peter 2:19-25 If/Then...

If Jesus lives, then I can follow in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd.

Introduction: What COVID-19 hardships are you going through right now?
1. To follow in the Good Shepherd's footsteps is a path of patient suffering.
The people to whom Peter wrote were considered social m
 We are called to be different, to stick out, to s (v. 21)
God promises to b us when we suffer unjustly.
 "The longer I live, the more convinced I am that life is% what happens to us and% how we respond to it." —Charles Swindoll
 Keeping time with Christ, we can sing even when all is d
2. To follow in the Good Shepherd's footsteps is a path paved by the perfect Sufferer.
Jesus is the model to t when we suffer.
 In all of Jesus' life there was no sin thought, word, and action.
If we had walked in Jesus' sandals, how would we have suffered?
God hasn't asked us to get b at the people who have caused us to suffer.
• God has invited us to p, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."
God removed our sin and adopted us in our baptism to I for him.
Conclusion: Follow in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd.

My Next Steps

Memorize John 16:33: "In the world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." **Read** Proverbs 31:10-31, Acts 17:1-12, John 14:1-12, and 1 Peter 2:4-10 to prepare for next week's Mother's Day message on If Jesus Lives, Then I Live with Purpose. **Look** for ways to turn the other cheek when insulted or ridiculed for the sake of Christ, remembering

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