

Series: Relationship Reset
Title: Relationship with a Tough Boss
Scripture: 1 Peter 2:18-25

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Getting to know you Questions:

1. What's the funniest excuse you've ever heard someone give for being late to work?
2. What's one job you would absolutely never want to do, no matter how much it paid?

Into the Bible Questions:

Read 1 Peter 2:18-25

1. What was something from the passage or sermon that surprised you, helped you, confused you, or bothered you?
2. What does this passage tell us about God? People? Living to please God?
3. Why do you think it's so hard to respect authority, even when the authority figure is decent?
4. Why do you think Peter emphasizes showing respect to both good and unjust bosses?
5. Can you think of a time when obeying or respecting a boss actually made things better in the long run?
6. According to Peter, what's the difference between suffering because you're mistreated and suffering because of your own poor choices?
7. How does Jesus' example in verses 21–25 reframe the way we think about workplace mistreatment?
8. Why do you think Peter connects suffering at work to the suffering of Christ?
9. How might showing respect and grace at work open a door for others to see Christ through you?
10. How does seeing yourself as “placed by God” in your job change your perspective on difficult work situations?

For Extra Study, Read Isaiah 53

11. *How does Peter's description of Jesus' suffering in 1 Peter 2:21–25 echo the prophecy of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah 53?*
12. *In both Isaiah 53 and 1 Peter 2, Jesus is described as silent and without retaliation when mistreated. What does this teach us about the way Christians can respond to unfair treatment?*
13. *Isaiah 53 shows Jesus bearing the sins of others. Peter applies this to our workplaces and daily lives. How can remembering Jesus' sacrifice keep us from being consumed by resentment when we're treated unfairly?*
14. *What needs to change in your life so that you can live this out?*
15. *Jot down any insights, questions, or key observations.*

Application Questions

1. Where do you need to show more respect to your boss (or teacher, leader, supervisor)?
2. How do you usually respond when your boss makes a decision you don't agree with? What would it look like to handle it with grace?
3. How does our natural "what if" response (e.g., what if my boss is wrong or unfair) get in the way of honoring God at work, and how can we respond with an "Even if" mindset?
4. What's one practical way you can "subject yourself" this week as a gift to your boss?
5. How can you avoid gossiping about your boss or coworkers, even when it feels justified?
6. When have you been tempted to slack off at work? How can you choose faithfulness instead?
7. How can you remind yourself that your ultimate identity is in Christ, not in your job?
8. What would it look like for you to answer, "I'm here to show the grace of God at my job" when someone asks what you do?

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