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Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate [door] for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the door; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:7-10



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18 Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. 19 For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:18-21



“The gift of 1st Peter is, perhaps, that it reminds us, post easter, that people are still suffering unjustly. And if we are preaching this as theologians of the cross, we must preach it with the reality that in light of that fact, that Jesus, the crucified, is on the side of those who are suffering unjustly in the midst of our own Empires.”

-Cody Sanders

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