

## Encouragement From Peter 5

I have a friend who is an international student working toward a graduate degree at our university. He often feels that his professor is treating him unfairly and taking advantage of him.

As emeritus professor I can affirm that professors are sinners like all people -- and can be unhealthily success-driven. Although the stress is intense, my student friend is treating his professor with respect and continuing his research as directed.

In the little Bible book called 1 Peter, I am reminded how well my graduate student friend, a serious Christian, is following God's instructions and growing in godly wisdom:

"You who are slaves must accept the authority of your masters with all respect. Do what they tell you -- not only if they are kind and reasonable, but even if they are cruel. For God is pleased with you when you do what you know is right and patiently endure unfair treatment. ... if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you.

Note: I am not obligated to obey a boss who wants me to break God's law. I am to obey God, not man (or woman). But otherwise, I am to treat my boss with respect.



*Coffee/tea thought:* "For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example..." -- 1 Peter 2.13-21 NLT

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## 彼得的安慰5

我有个朋友是在我们大学念研究生的国际学生，他常觉得他的导师待他不公，在利用他。

作为一名退休教师，我确信导师也是罪人——也被成功驱使。尽管压力很大，我的朋友仍尊重他的导师并继续自己的研究。

在读彼得前书时，我想起我的朋友，这个认真的基督徒，他实在是照神的教导而行，也满有属神的智慧：

“你们作仆人的，凡事要存敬畏的心顺服主人。不但顺服那善良温和的，就是那乖僻的也要顺服。倘若人为叫良心对得住神，就忍受冤屈的苦楚，这是可喜爱的。你们若因犯罪受责打，能忍耐，有什么可夸的呢？但你们若因行善受苦，能忍耐，这在神看是可喜爱的。”

注意：我不需要顺服那叫我违背神的老板。我是在顺服神，而不是人。但是，我要尊重我的老板。

随想：“你们蒙召原是为。因基督也为你们受过苦，给你们留下榜样，叫你们跟随他的脚踪行。”彼得前书2:13-21

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