



- John 10:2-4 (ESV) 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.



- We are God's chosen in very difficult circumstances
 - These saints had left home, moved to very areas, cultures, societies that were very different from home.
- Are we still sojourners and exiles?
 - Are there things for us to learn from this instruction?
- But we also have an example to aid us: Christ
 - Jesus was also a sojourner and exile in the world and even among his own people
 - Jesus was also tempted like we are ... yet did not sin (Hebrews 4:15)
 - Jesus was surrounded by those who considered him to be an evildoer
 - Yet Jesus did good, submitted himself to God's will and saved us.



- The Example of Jesus
- 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.



- 22 He committed no sin
 - He abstained from the passions of the flesh
 - He was tempted ... like we are.
 - He triumphed over these temptations.
 - He help us if we will learn from him.
- Example is that we don't have to give in to the passions of the flesh
 - All our experience and view of the world argues differently

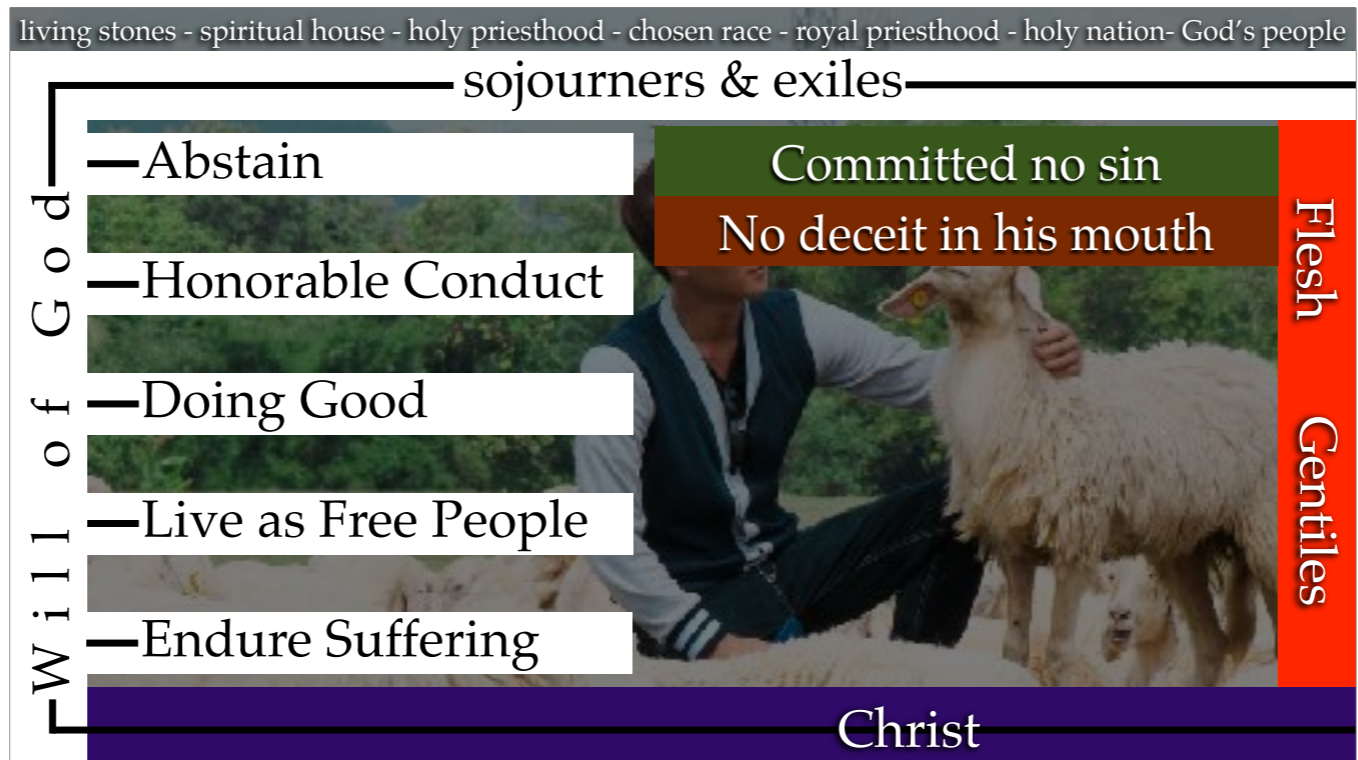


• But we are not saved by perfect keeping of the law either

- Ephesians 2:8-9: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- Romans 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."
- 1 Peter 1:9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



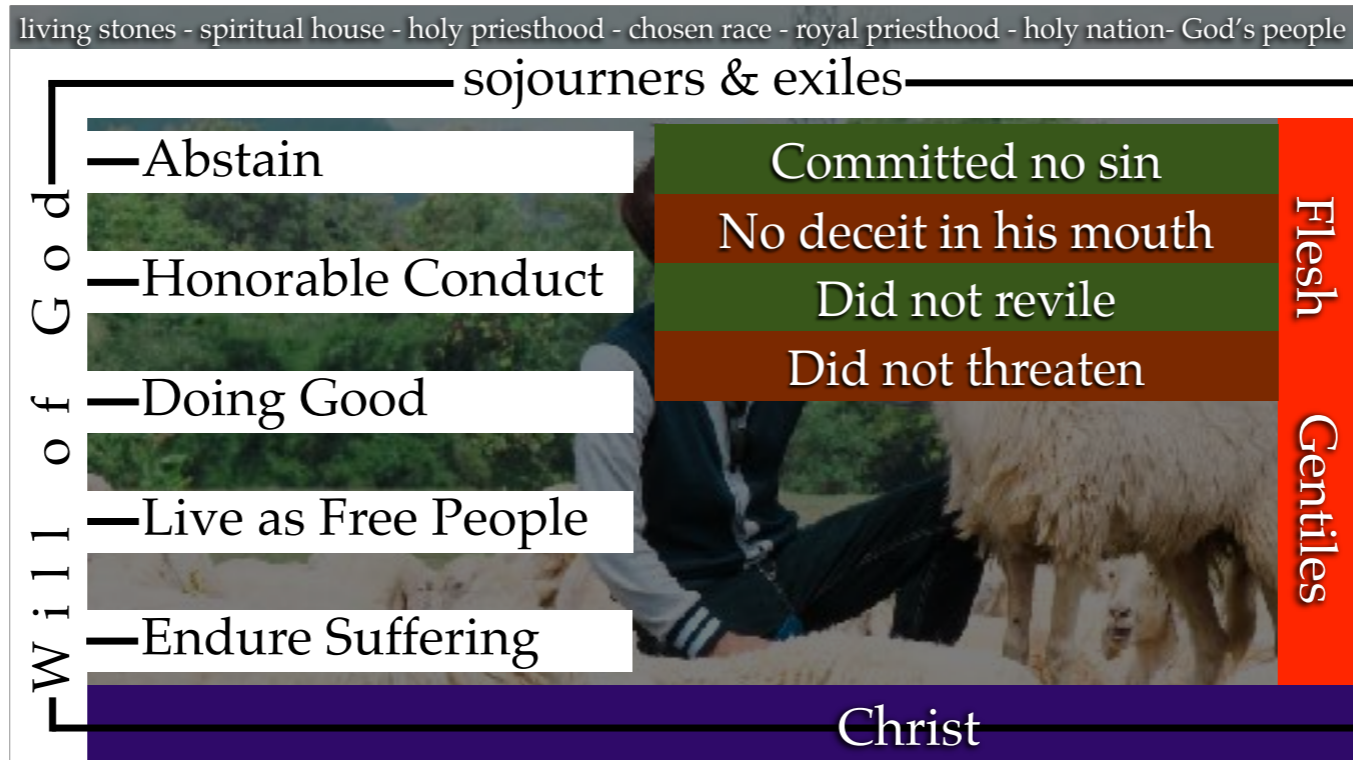
- neither was deceit found in his mouth
- We all struggle with lying and deceiving.
 - Some things we think of as big, but some we think of as innocuous.
 - Some times we say things that are somewhat misleading because we are avoiding answering difficult questions, we don't want to be rude.
- How does the world we live in perceive us?
 - James 5:12 (ESV) 12 But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.



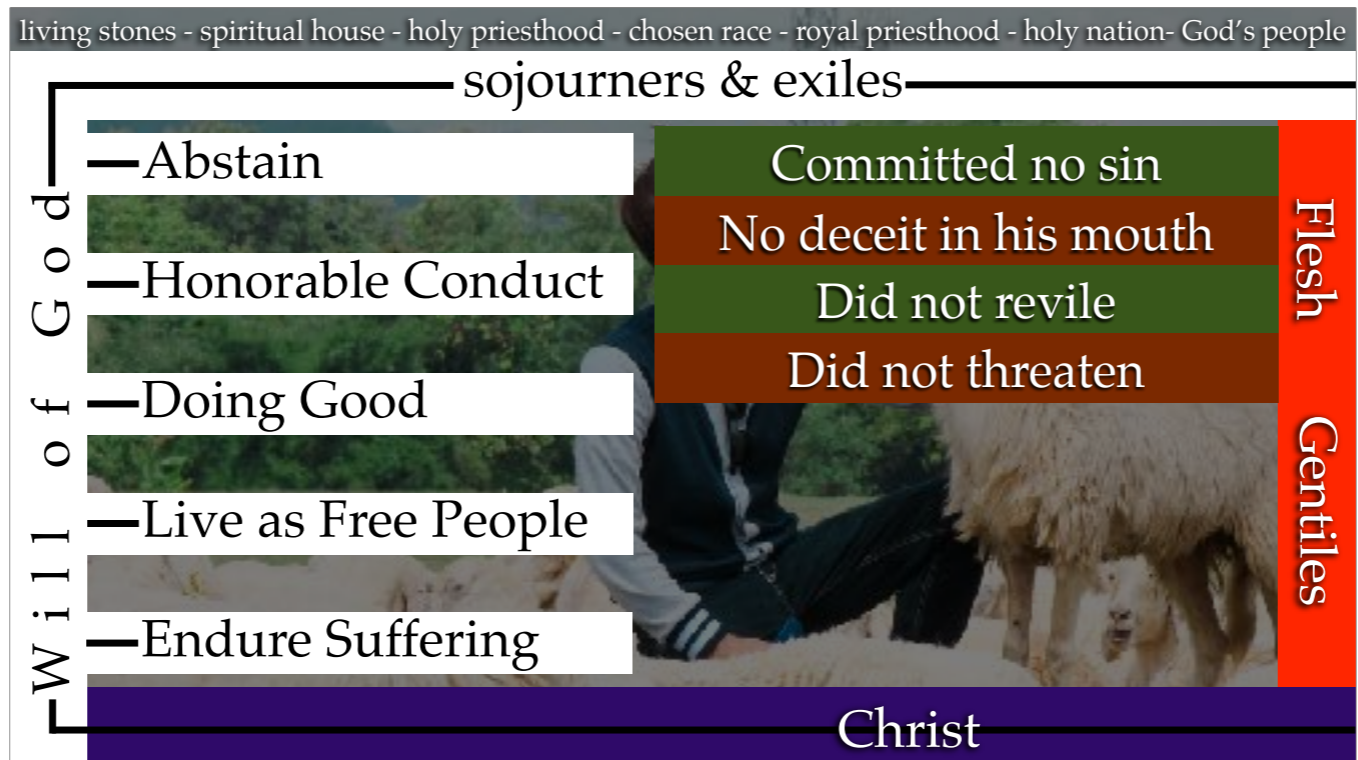
- Jesus chose never to deceive
 - Jesus valued the truth
 - He told people what they needed to hear, but he did it with love and hope
 - He didn't minimize sin.
 - He told hard truths.
 - Maybe it reminds us that it's okay to be clear or blunt if need: But also to love.
 - This may be a struggle to learn
- This to me is not just abstaining, but showing honorable conduct
 - Respect for others?



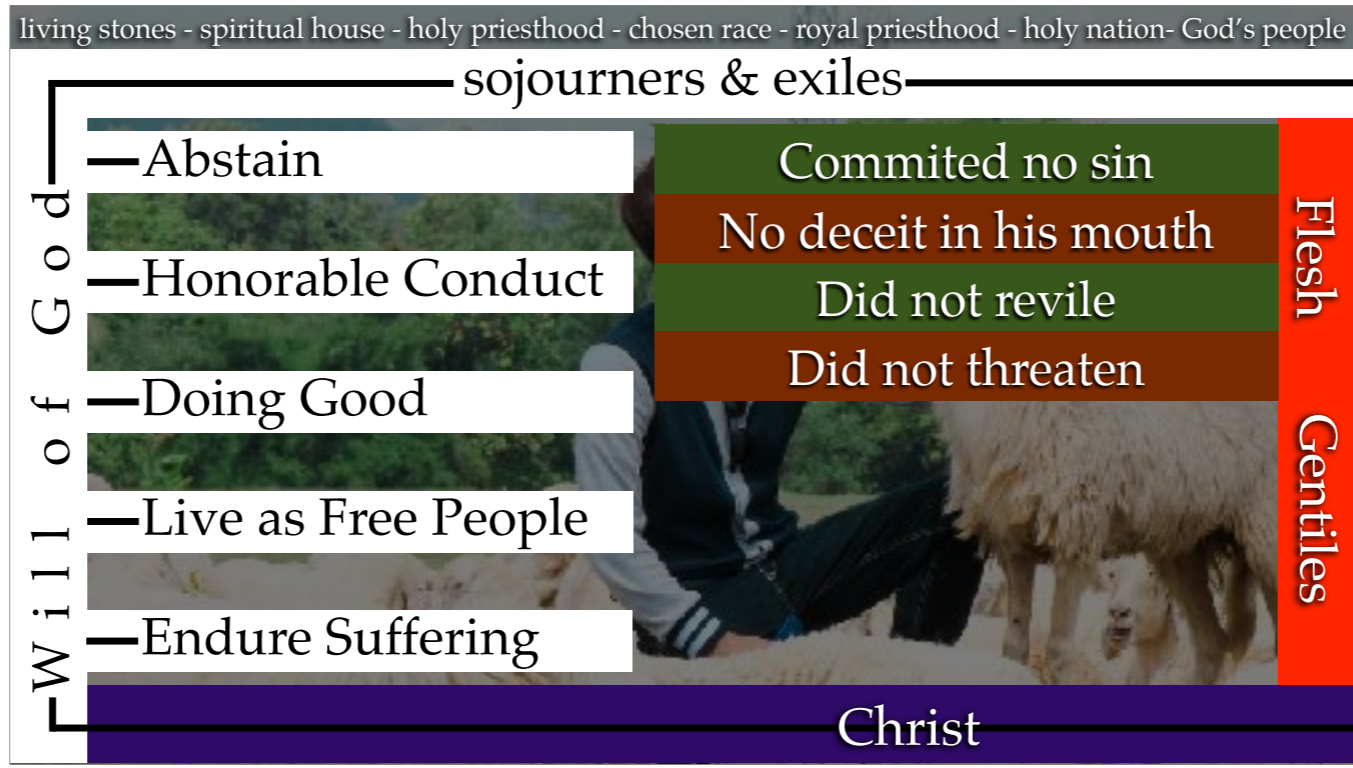
- 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return
- Tend to think of this especially when Jesus was on trial and crucified
- But really, it was throughout his ministry.
 - He was accused of being a glutton, and a drunkard, a false teacher, and being aligned with the devil
 - While his replies were often pointed and teaching, he didn't choose to insult those who spoke evil of him.
 - He would correct their error, or point out their sin
 - He did not revile or insult them
- Honorable. Doing Good?
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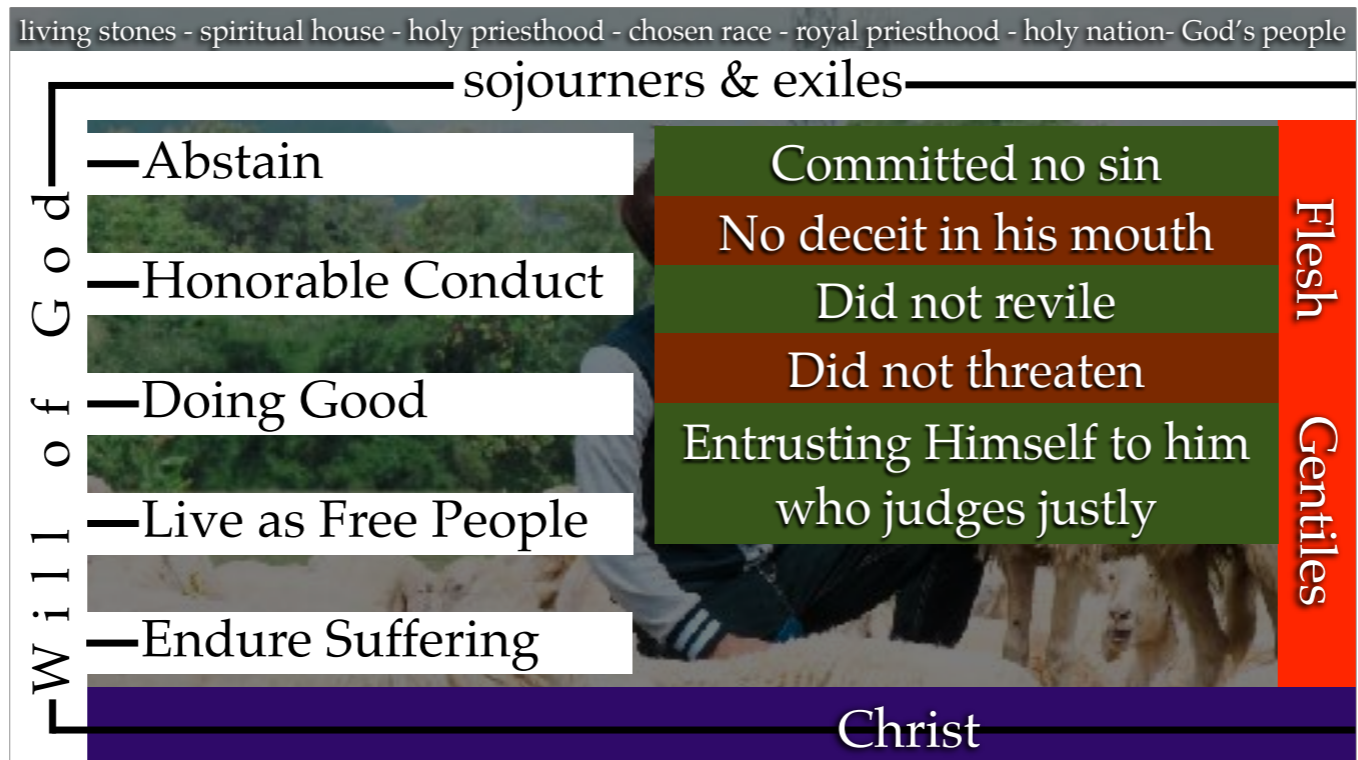
- when he suffered, he did not threaten
- Under duress, he chose not to make threats against those who hurt him.
 - He certainly had the power, the ability, the authority
 - He also had a greater purpose
 - When Jesus told Peter that he would suffer and be killed in Jerusalem, Peter rebuked him.
 - But Jesus knew what was going to happen, but also why it was necessary



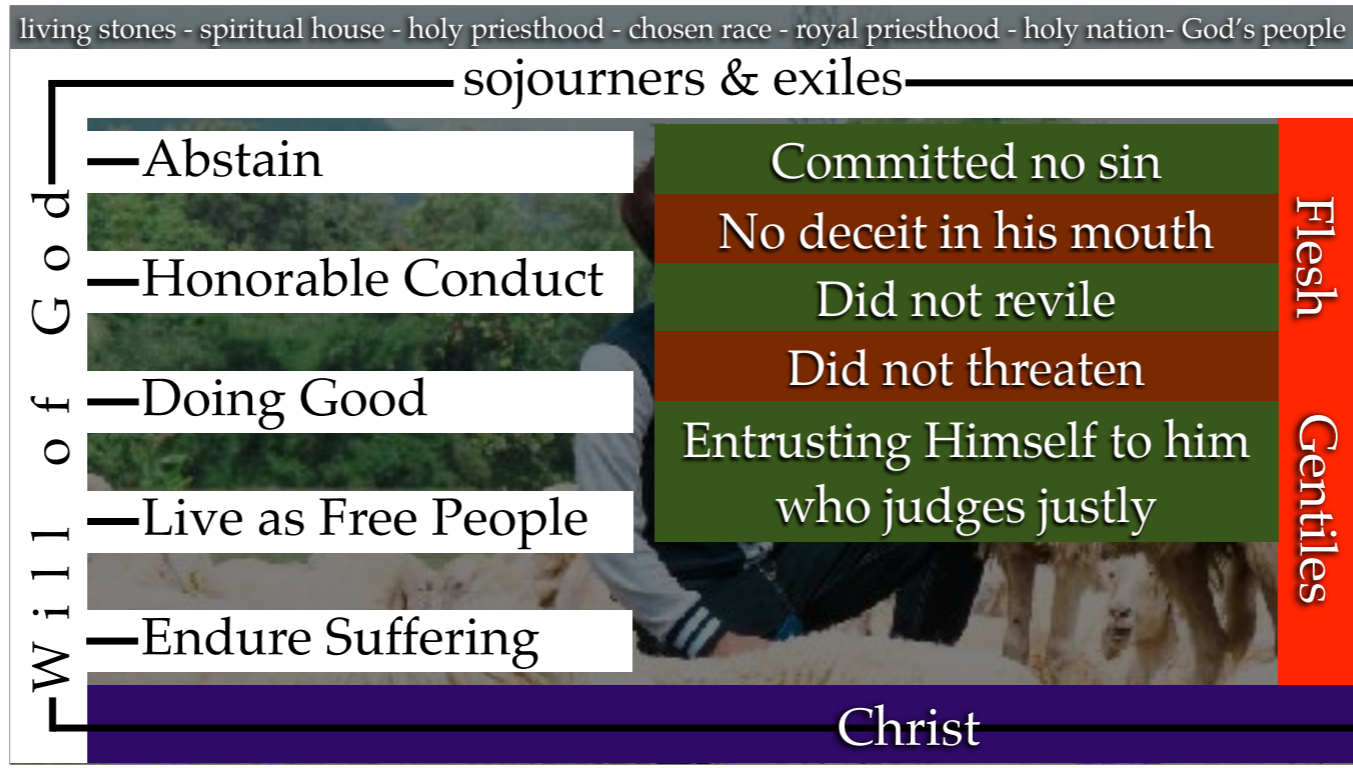
- Hebrews 12:3-4 (ESV) 3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. 4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.
 - Synagogue in Nazareth
 - Luke 4:29-30 (ESV) 29 And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. 30 But passing through their midst, he went away.



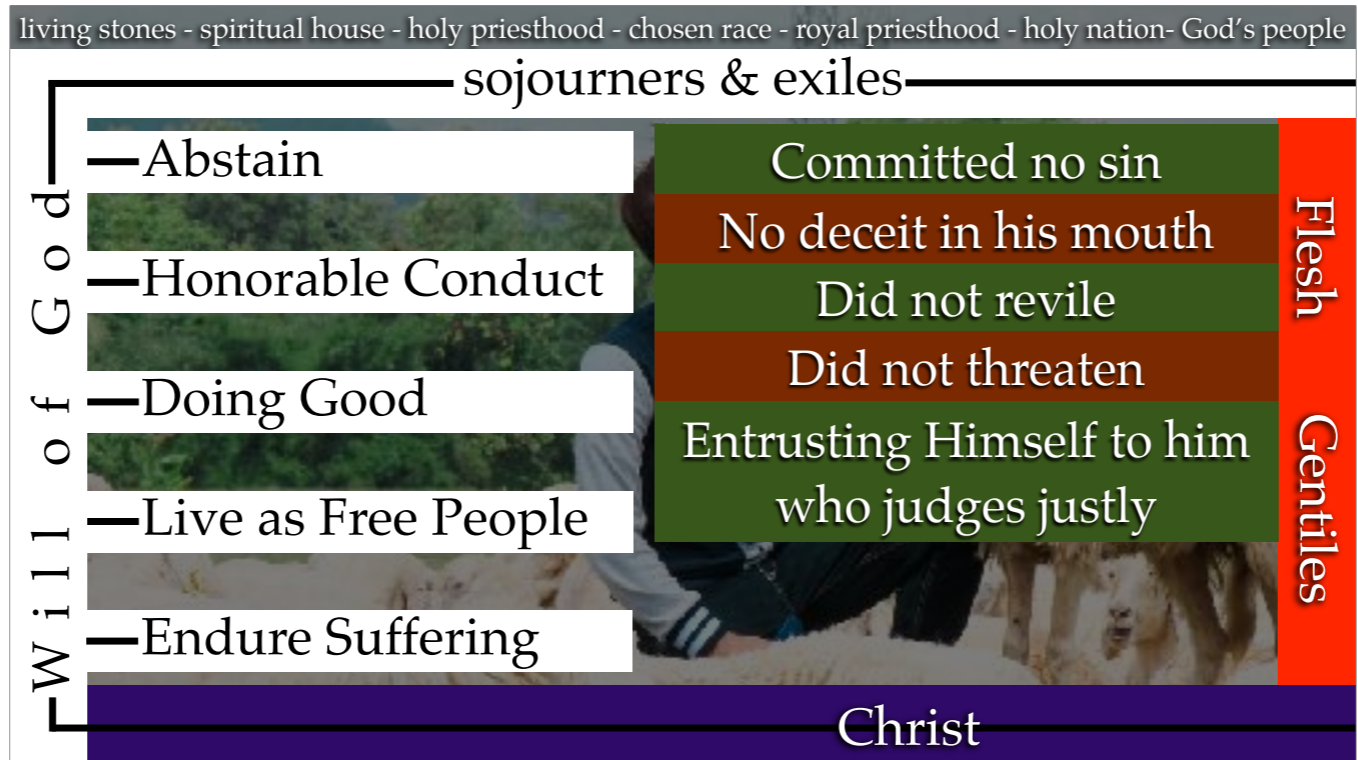
- This is honorable conduct and living as a free person
 - Even when we may have the opportunity and the ability to threaten those who did wrong, he chose not to threaten.
 - Essentially, he did the opposite, he worked toward saving them.
 - DOING Good



- but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly
- provides us with a way of seeing how Jesus was able to endure suffering without sinning, while doing good, and while conducting himself honorably.
- Jesus looked to his father,
 - Trusted him
 - Didn't vindicate, retaliate, or threaten.

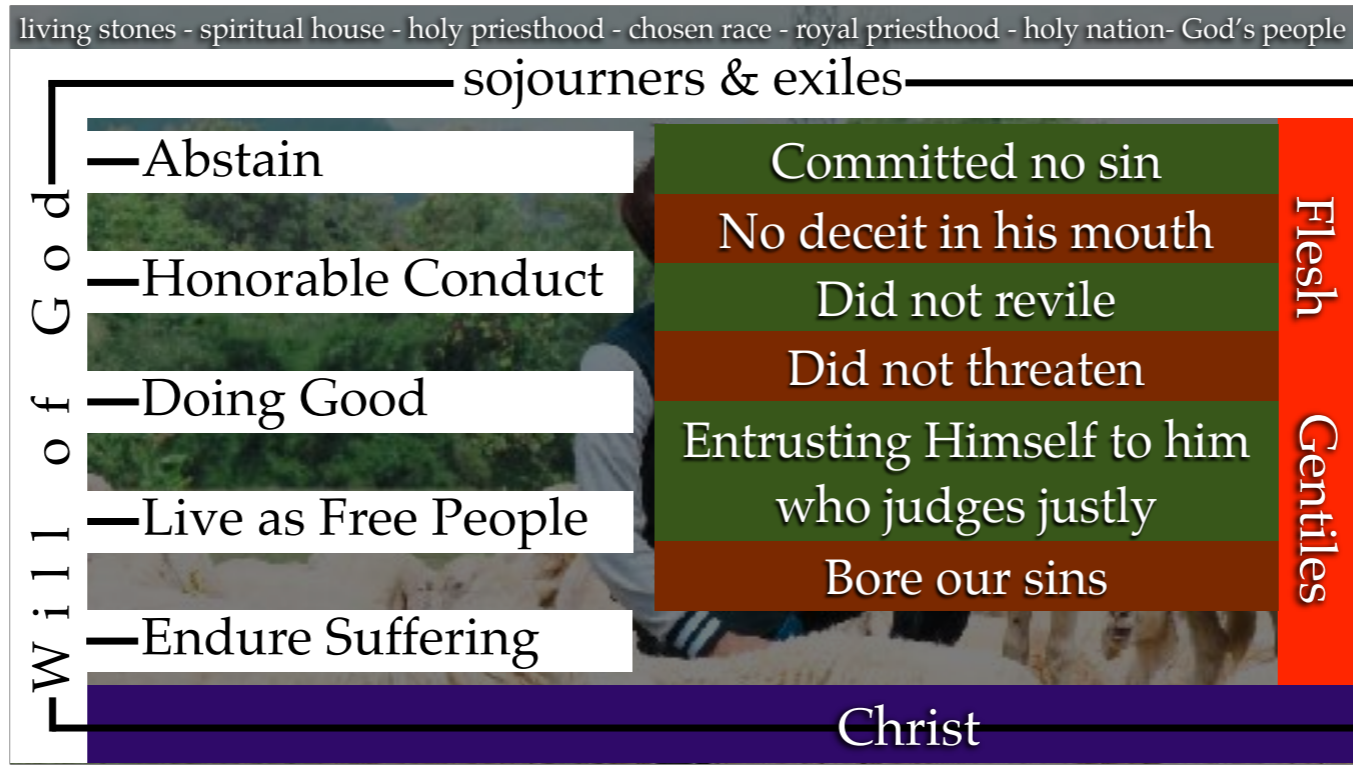


- Luke 23:32-38 (ESV) 32 Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 33 And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. 35 And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

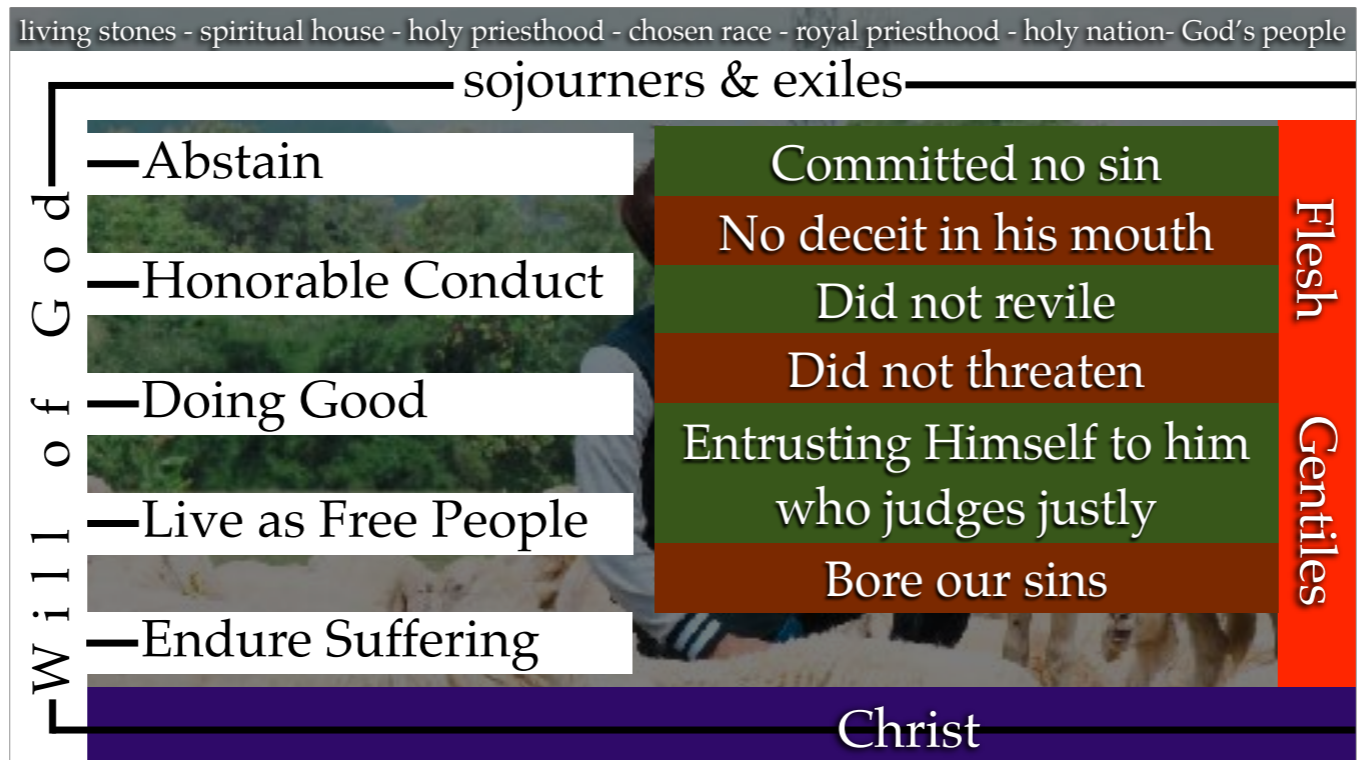


• Example

- Bad things will happen to us just like they did to Jesus
- Some will treat us wrong. Some may hurt us.
- Trust in God ... he knows.
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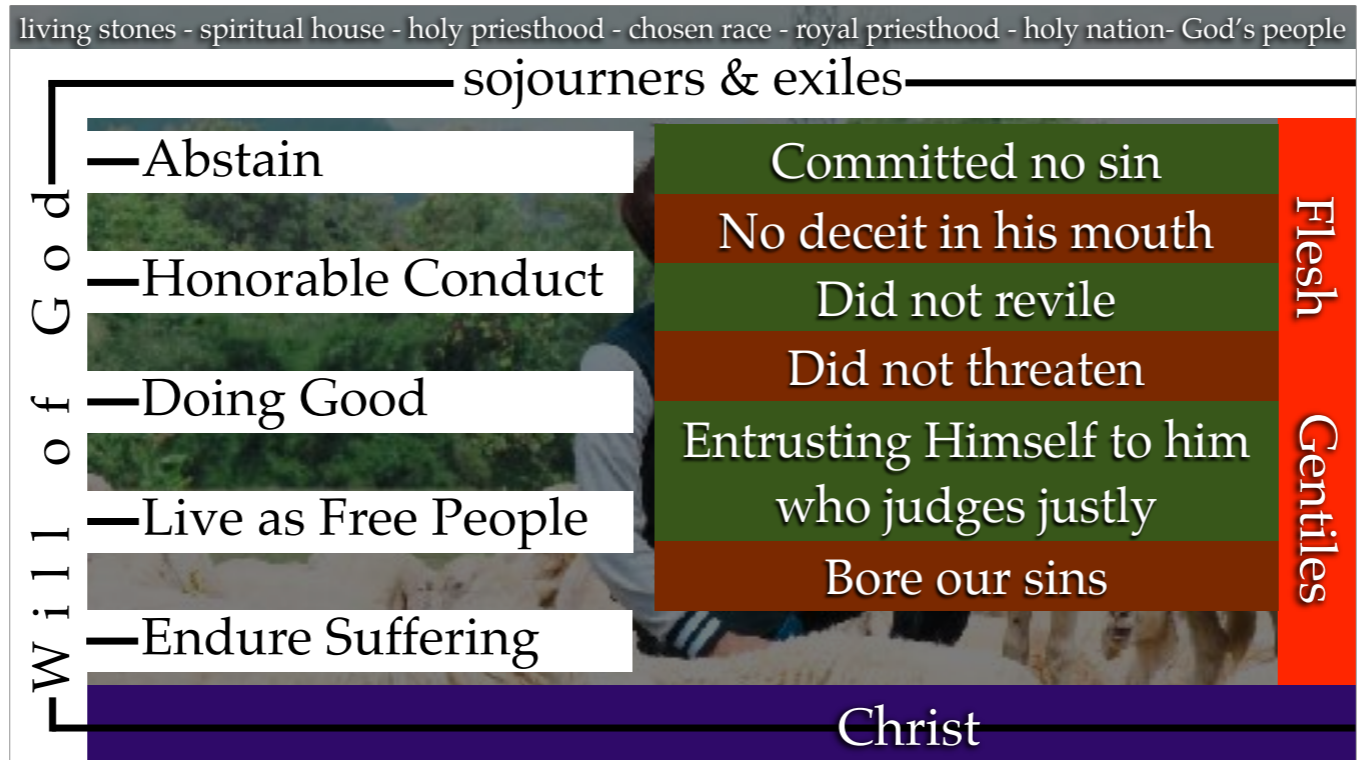
- 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
 - 25 For you were straying like sheep
- enduring suffering while doing good



- Roots in Isaiah 53:

- 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.
- 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

- Jesus endured so that we could be saved. Purposeful and good.



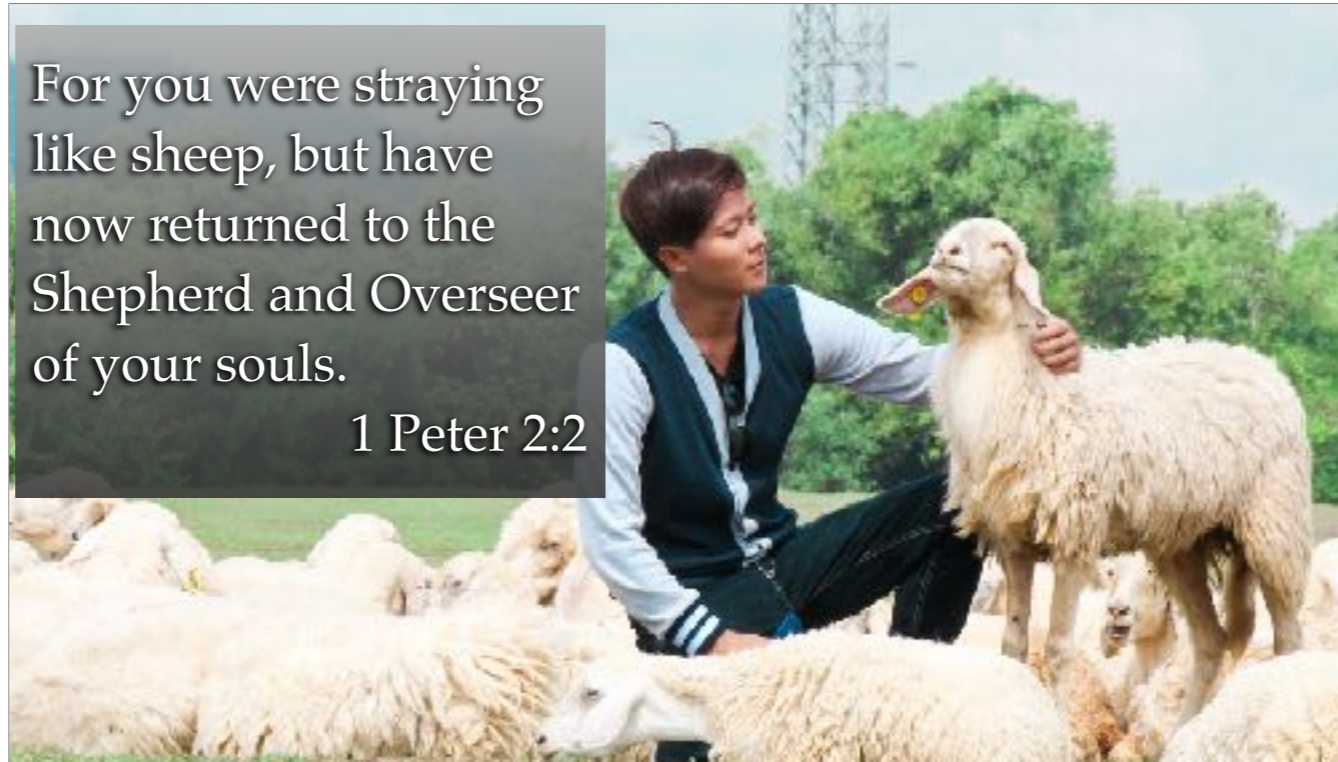
- What is the example for us?
 - Not all the people we deal with will be good people.
 - Not all people will appreciate the good we are doing for them.
 - In spite of all their weaknesses and failures, we can strive to help them to see the light.
- All of us have strayed ... let's show them the way to Jesus.



- By his wounds you have been healed.
 - Enduring suffering that leads to good
 - Hard for us to reconcile this, especially in the moment
- But there is Jesus, on the cross
 - Forgive them for they know not what they do (Luke 23:34)
- Example
 - Bring healing to those around you.
 - Suffering physically, emotionally, mentally
 - Spiritually
 - Don't ignore, don't neglect, don't hurt.
 - Sometimes it will be difficult for us, choose to heal

For you were straying
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1 Peter 2:2



- 1 Peter 2:25: For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.
- Having returned to our Shepherd and Overseer
 - Although sojourners and exiles, we are still in His family and under his care.
 - Just like Jesus, then, we can understand the importance of living our lives honorably and spiritually, not giving into the flesh.
 - We can learn to do good and endure suffering, knowing that we are free in Him.
- This is a gracious thing in the eyes of our Father
 - Do good in the midst of an evil world.

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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1 Peter 2:21-25

Synopsis: Peter reminds these exiles that they have two wars: their flesh and the unbelievers. So they must learn to abstain from the passions of the flesh, have honorable conduct, do good, live as free people, and endure suffering. In this lesson, we examine the example that Jesus set for us.

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