

STRANGER PEOPLE ~ 3
STRANGE CALLING IN A DARK WORLD

- AN ETERNAL CALL TO _____.
- A TEMPORARY CALL TO AN _____.
- A DAILY CALL TO A _____ STANDARD.

*...for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for **he called** you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.*

1 Peter 2:9 NLT

Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. ¹² Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world. 1 Peter 2:11-12 NLT

... It is God's will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you. 1 Peter 2:15 NLT

*For God **called you** to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps. 1 Peter 2:21 NLT*

He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. ²³ He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. ²⁴ He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right.

1 Peter 2:22-24 NLT

*Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has **called you to do**, and he will grant you his blessing. 1 Peter 3:9 NLT*

Group Discussion

- Read 1 Peter 2:9-12. What message does my life, as-is, send to people around me?
- What are you already doing that not just tells, but shows people God's goodness? What can you do differently to lead more people to Jesus?
- Who do you need to practice the 1 Peter 3:9 principle with most?

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