Holy Perseverance
1 Peter: a long obedience to a living hope

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Good Reasons to Get in Trouble

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1st hint of a strategy for living in this world

glorify God on the day he visits us?

What's going on there?

Paul's Journey to Rome
Journeys of Paul
Rome
Ostia
Three Taverns
Forum of Appius
Puteoli
Beneventum
Tarentum
Rhegium
Syracuse
Malta (Melita)
Dyrrhachium
Philippi
Amphipolis
Neapolis
Thessalonica
Beroea
Olympus
Apollonia
Nicopolis
Athens
Corinth
Sparta
Troas
Lesbos
Mysia
Byzantium
Heraclea
Sinope
Pergamum
Smyrna
Sardis
Lydia
Ephesus
Samos
Miletus
Cos
Cnidus
Rhodes
Myra
Lystra
Derbe
Tarsus
Antioch
Paphos
CYPRUS
CRETE
Phoenix
Lasea
Cauda
Fair Havens
C. Salmone
Caesarea
Damascus
Sidon
Tyre
Jerusalem
Judea
Alexandria
Cyrene
CYRENAICA
Tyrrhenian Sea
Adriatic Sea
Aegean Sea
Mediterranean Sea
Black Sea
ITALIA
SICILY
ILLYRICUM (DALMATIA)
DACIA
Ister (Danube)
MOESIA
THRACE
MACEDONIA
EPIRUS
ACHAIA
BITHYNIA
PONTUS
GALATIA
CAPPADOCIA
ASIA
PHRYGIA
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What's going on there?

- Vulnerable
- Under suspicion
- Anti-Christian stereotypes
- Accused

What's going on here?
Central Illinois 2020

Any parallels?

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Civic world . . .
In public

God’s will!

Conduct before governmental authorities

Emperor Nero

AD 54-68

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doing good?

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Doing-good (14, 15—20 also)

agathopoieo

Keystone of a strategy

What does this mean?

Good works?

Noble/Virtuous actions?

A strategy for living in this world . . .

Looking for the overlap

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A strategy for living in this world . . .

Looking for the overlap
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Clarify & communicate what we are

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Believers

God

Authorities

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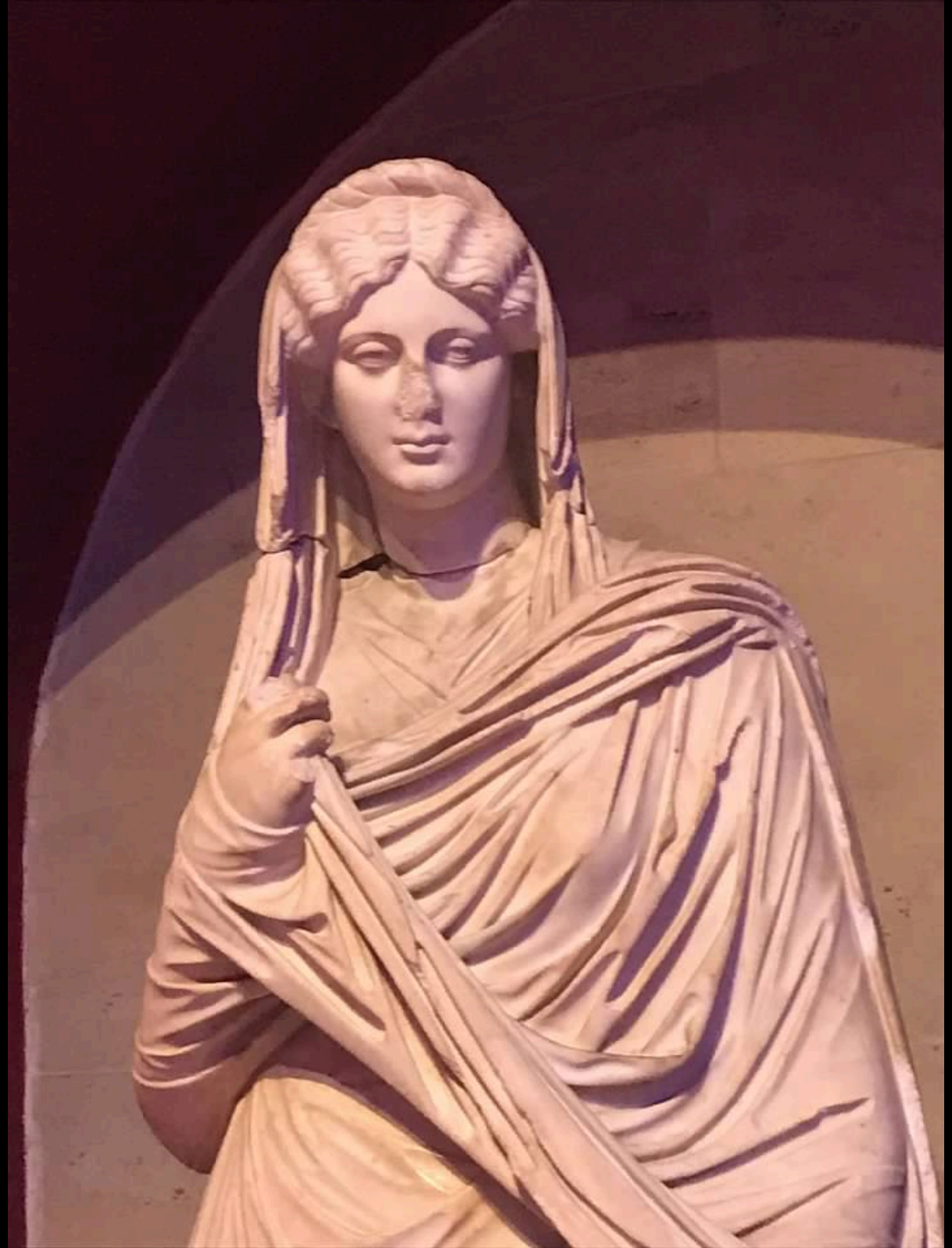
Domestic world . . .
In household
(3:1-7—marriage too)



Situation for slaves/servants??

doing good?

A strategy for living in this world . . .

Examine & answer:

Why am I receiving this treatment/ reaction?

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OT Quotes/Allusions

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