

When Your Faith Is Under Attack

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For these 8 weeks we will have:

- Studied out of _____ books of the Bible.
- Covered _____ specifics points regarding the Sermon on the Mount.
- Read _____ individual verses of scripture.

Key Verse:

Matthew 5:10-12

"Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!" (vs 10 GN)

1. The _____ of Harassment.

(vs 11a)

"... when men insult you ..."

2. The _____ for Harassment.

(vs. 11b)

"... because you are my followers"

Jn. 15:20 (NIV)

"No servant is greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also."

2 Tim 3:12 (NIV)

"Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."

3. My _____ to Harassment.

A. The Bible Says Recognize: _____

Eph 6:12 (GN)

"We are not fighting against human beings, but against wicked spiritual forces. . ."

*See also: **Rev. 12:10 (NIV)**

B. The Bible Says Refuse: _____

Rom. 12:17 + 19 (GN)

"If someone does evil to you, don't pay him back with evil. . . Never take revenge. . . let God's wrath do it."

* see Also: **1 Peter 2:23 (NIV)**

C. The Bible Says Respond: _____

Rom 12:21 (NIV)

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Matt. 5:44 (NIV)

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

D. The Bible Says Rejoice: _____

(vs 12a)

"Be glad and happy . . .!"

Biblical Reasons to Rejoice:

A. The Bible Says It Means: God's Spirit Can Be Seen _____

1 Pet. 4:14 (NIV)

"If you are insulted because of Christ, you are blessed, . . . for God's Spirit rests on you."

B. The Bible Says It Means: God Can _____

Acts 5:41 (NIV)

"The apostles (were) full of joy that God considered them worthy to suffer disgrace for Jesus' name."

C. The Bible Says It Is: _____

2 Cor. 4:17 (LB)

"These troubles . . . won't last very long. Yet this short time of distress will result in God's richest blessing upon us forever and ever!"

D. The Bible Says Remember: _____

Rom. 8:17 (GN)

"Since we are God's children . . . if we share Christ's suffering, we will also share in his glory."

E. The Bible Says Remain: _____

1 Pet 4:19 (NIV)

"So those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good."

ANSWER KEY:

26; 86; 169; Reality; Reason; Response; The Source is the Enemy; To Retaliate; Positively; Over it; In my Life; Trust Me; Only Temporary; Your Reward; Faithful