

SHOW SOME LOVE
Sticks and Stones – Part 3

ON TV: Over-reaction

ON TV: Unexpected-reaction

ON TV: We should view criticism, rejection, hurt, disappointment as **opportunities** to react in such a way that it reflects God's reaction to us.

ON TV: Disappointment and hurt in our life is an opportunity to react in a way that communicates our **confidence in God**.

ON TV: What do our reactions to negative things in life say about our **confidence in God**?

ON TV/OUTLINE: "When they hurled their **insults** at him, he did **not retaliate**; when he **suffered**, he made **no threats**. Instead, he **entrusted** Himself to **him** who judges **justly**. 1 Peter 2:23 NIV

ON TV/OUTLINE: "And we know that God makes all things work together for the good of those who **love him** and are chosen to be a part of his plan." Romans 8:28 NIV

ON TV/OUTLINE: "What, then, shall we say in response to these things...?" Romans 8:31a NIV

ON TV/OUTLINE: "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31 NIV

ON TV: If God is for me, who can be against me?

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ON TV: If God is for us, how do we know?

ON TV: Where is God?

ON TV/OUTLINE: "31b ...If God is for us, who can be against us? 32a He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us as all--..." Romans 8:31b-32a NIV

ON TV: The **cross** is how we know God is for us.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us as all--how will he not also, along with him graciously, give us all things?" Romans 8:32 NIV

ON TV: Who controls the ultimate outcomes of the things that come our way?

ON TV: Because to do anything else is to **give away the control** of your life and your destiny to something or someone who does not control your destiny. Remember, **to react is to hand over control**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "28 Come to me, all of you who are **weary** and **burdened**, and I will give you **rest**. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

ON TV: Because at the end of the day our responsibility is **to follow**. God's responsibility is **outcomes**.