

TOO MUCH/TOO LITTLE Sticks and Stones – Part 2

ON TV: What would an **unexpected reaction** look and sound like?

ON TV: Over-reaction

ON TV: Unexpected-reaction

ON TV: Jesus viewed mistreatment as an opportunity for His followers to react in such a way that it catches people off-guard.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“44 I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45a that you may be children of your Father in heaven...” Matthew 5:44-45a*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“If you love those who love you, what recognition will you get...?” Matthew 5:46a*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“And if you welcome only your own people, what are you doing **more than** others...?” Matthew 5:47a*

ON TV: Our reactions reflect our **confidence** or our **lack of confidence** in God.

ON TV: Our reactions reflect who we believe **controls outcomes**.

ON TV: What do our reactions say about our confidence in God, as a parent, as an employer, as an employee, as a citizen?

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“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*

ON TV: What would it look like, and sound like to respond like God who is actually in control of outcomes?

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“...Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.” Luke 9:51b*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“52 And He sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; 53 but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.” Luke 9:52-53*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“When the disciples James and John saw this...” Luke 9:54a*

ON TV: God is **love**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“For God **so loved** the world that **He gave** His one and only son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“...they asked, ‘Lord, do you want us to call down **fire** from heaven and **destroy** them?’” Luke 9:54b*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“But Jesus turned and rebuked them.” Luke 9:55*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“Then He and his disciples went to another village...” Luke 9:56a*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“Do you refuse to speak to me?’ Pilate said. ‘Don’t you realize that I have the power to either free you or crucify you?’” John 19:10*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“Jesus answered, ‘You would have **no power** over me if it were not **given** to you **from above**....’” John 19:11a*

ON TV/OUTLINE: “From then on Pilate tried to set Jesus free...” John 19:12a

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

ON TV: Not to **worry**

ON TV: Because God **controls the outcomes**.

ON TV: ONLINE, especially Social Media

ON TV: What do our **reactions** say about our **confidence in God**?