



Too True to Comfort
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¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:10-12

Luke 6:22-23

2 Timothy 3:12

Persecution Pain

Insults

Harassed

Lied About

Hated

Excluded

Rejected

Persecution Prevention

1. Love Only Those Like You

Matthew 5:47

2. Love Comfort More Than Christ

2 Timothy 3:2-5

Persecution Endured

1. Rejoice In Hope

2. Rejoice With Whom You Identify

Take a stand for Jesus in your words and actions regardless of the suffering it may bring you

Home/Group Study

"The world never burned a casual Christian at the stake."

- John R. Rice

- 1. Understanding the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12) are a description of the character of the follower of Jesus; which do you see most reflected in you, and which the least?**
- 2. Why do you think Jesus included this final statement on persecution? Wouldn't it have made convincing people to follow him more difficult?**
- 3. How have you seen persecution for following Jesus take place in the world? In your life?**
- 4. Which do you work harder at: Following Jesus OR avoiding being persecuted for following him?**
- 5. How might you take a stand for Jesus today?**