

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Dare You to Move

Message: Welcome to Resistance

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What are some of the negative images our culture has about Bible-believing Christians?

Are some of these justified?

If so, which ones?

Have you ever been mistreated, persecuted, or faced resistance because of your faith in Christ?

If so, why, and what happened?

If you haven't faced any, why do you think that is?

What do you think about the promise in 2 Timothy 3:12?

Take some time and think about the four 'buts' in the passage from 1 Peter. How do these statements give you direction, hope, and courage to face resistance?

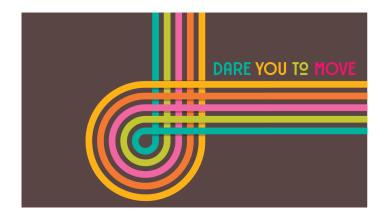
BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version

NLT - New Living Translation



MESSAGE NOTES



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...men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do...

1 Chronicles 12:32 (NIV)

Understanding the opportunity we have <u>to</u> <u>represent God now</u> is critical.

Being <u>prepared</u> is essential and it requires <u>resistance</u> training.

¹¹ God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. ¹² Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

Matthew 5:11–12 (NLT)

Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

2 Timothy 3:12 (NLT)

Here are four 'buts' to always keep in mind.

13 Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? 14 **But** even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats. 15 Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. 16 **But** do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. 17 Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!

¹⁸ Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, **but** he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, **but** he was raised to life in the Spirit.

1 Peter 3:13–18 (NLT)