

**TAKE HOME SHEET**



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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?**

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**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 to represent God now is critical.**

**Being prepared is essential and it requires resistance training.**

*<sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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.**

*<sup>13</sup> Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> **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.*

*<sup>15</sup> 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.*

*<sup>16</sup> **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. <sup>17</sup> Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!*

*<sup>18</sup> 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)