



Jesus on Foreign Policy

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me." Matthew 5:10-11

WE ARE HATED BECAUSE WE _____

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you." John 15:18-20

"All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." 2 Timothy 3:12

HOW SHOULD I RESPOND TO HARASSMENT?

1. REFUSE TO _____

"Repay no one evil for evil...do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord." Romans 12:17-19

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:12

2. RESPOND _____

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21

"Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you," Matthew 5:44

3. REJOICE AND _____

"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 5:12

Why should I?

a) It means people can see _____ in my life

"If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you." 1 Peter 4:14

b) It is an _____ given to us by God

"So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name" Acts 5:41

c) It is only _____

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

d) You will be _____

"we are children of God...if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together." Romans 8:17

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life." Matthew 19:29

THE CONDITION: THAT YOU REMAIN _____

"Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good" 1 Peter 4:19

***What is your faith costing you?
At what cost would you remain faithful?***

"I'd rather temporarily lose with a cause that will ultimately succeed, than temporarily succeed with a cause that will ultimately lose." Woodrow Wilson