

Silver Creek Fellowship Notes

6/14/15

The Upside Down Life

HANDLING OPPOSITION TO YOUR FAITH

2 Timothy 3:12 *“Anyone who belongs to Christ Jesus and wants to live right will have trouble from others.”* (CEV)

WHAT TO REMEMBER

Opposition Can _____

John 15:18-20 *“When the world hates you, remember it hated me first. The world would love you if you belonged to it, but you don’t. I chose you out of the world. That’s why the world will hate you. No servant is ever greater than his master, so since they persecuted me they will persecute you too.”* (CEV)

John 3:19 *“The light from heaven came into the world, but people loved darkness more than the light, because it hides their evil actions.”*(CEV)

Opposition Will _____

1 Peter 1:7 *“These troubles will prove that your faith is genuine. Just as gold is purified by fire and heat, so your faith, which is far more precious than gold, must also be purified by fire so it may endure. Then you’ll receive praise and glory and honor on the Day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.”* (NLT)

Opposition Will _____

BEATTITUDE #8:

Matthew 5:10-12 *“God blesses those who are persecuted because they live for God: the Kingdom of Heaven will be theirs! You will be blessed when people insult you, and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”* (NLT)

WHAT TO DO

1. DON’T BE _____

1 Peter 4:12 *“Don’t be surprised or shocked when you go through painful trials that are like walking through fire, as though something unusual is happening to you.”* (CEV)

2. DON’T BE _____

1 John 4:18 "Where God's love is, there is no fear, because God's perfect love drives out fear. (NCV)

1 Peter 3:13-16 "If you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it, so don't be afraid and don't worry! Instead, worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if you are asked about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it." (NCV)

3. DON'T BE _____

1 Peter 4:16 "It is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Instead, thank God for the privilege of being called by his name!" (LB)

1 Peter 5:9 "Take a firm stand against Satan and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are."

4. RECOGNIZE THE _____

1 Peter 5:9 Take a firm stand against Satan.

Ephesians 6:12 "We're not fighting against human beings, but against wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly realm." (CEV)

5. REFUSE TO _____

Matthew 5:10-12 "Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is your reward in heaven, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." (NIV)

Romans 12:17-18 "Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."(NIV)

6. RESPOND WITH _____

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

Luke 6:27-29 "Love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. If someone slaps you on the cheek, turn the other cheek."(NLT)

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