



#14 - WHAT TO DO WHEN THE WORLD DOESN'T LIKE US ANYMORE - PART 2

Day after day they met as a group in the Temple, and they had their meals together in their homes, eating with glad and humble hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God, and enjoying the good will of all the people. And every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved. **Acts 2:46-47**(TLB)

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE WORLD DOESN'T LIKE US ANYMORE?

1. I _____ AND _____.

Count it a blessing when you suffer for being a Christian. This shows that God's glorious Spirit is with you. ¹⁵ But you deserve to suffer if you are a murderer, a thief, a crook, or a busybody. **1 Peter 4:14, 15** (CEV)

If I am disliked because of my _____, my response is _____.

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...are we being questioned today because we've done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? ¹⁰ Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene... **Acts 4:9, 10** (NLT)

If you are suffering according to God's will, keep on doing what is right and trust yourself to the God who made you, he will never fail you. **1 Peter 4:19** (LB)

2. I _____ I NEED TO PERSIST.

It is essential that _____.

Starting with Samuel, every prophet spoke about what is happening today. **Acts 3:24** (NLT)

For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, 'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.' **Acts 4:11** (NLT)

You spoke long ago by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant, saying, 'Why were the nations so angry? Why did they waste their time with futile plans?'²⁶ The kings of the earth prepared for battle; the rulers

gathered together against the LORD and against his Messiah. ^{1d}²⁷ "In fact, this has happened here in this very city! For Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate the governor, the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were all united against Jesus, your holy servant, whom you anointed. ²⁸ But everything they did was determined beforehand according to your will. **Acts 4:25-28** (NLT)

If you find that the world despises you, remember that before it despised you, it first despised Me. **John 15:18** (VOICE)

When you are reviled and persecuted and lied about because you are my followers—wonderful! ¹² Be happy about it! Be very glad! for a tremendous reward awaits you up in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted too. **Matthew 5:11-12** (TLB)

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. **2 Timothy 3:12** (NIV)

It is essential that _____.

Peter and John left the meeting and went to their own group. They told the group everything that the priests and Jewish leaders had said to them. **Acts 4: 23** (ERV)

Share each other's troubles and problems, and so obey our Lord's command. **Galatians 6:2** (ISV)

Brothers and sisters, make sure that none of you has a sinful heart. Do not let an unbelieving heart turn you away from the living God. ¹³ But build one another up every day. Do it as long as there is still time. Then none of you will become stubborn. You won't be fooled by sin's tricks. **Hebrews 3:12, 13** (NIRV)

All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. ³³ The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. **Acts 4: 32, 33** (NLT)

It is essential that _____.

When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God: "O Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them... **Acts 4: 24** (NLT)

And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus."³¹ After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness. **Acts 4:29-31**(NLT)