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SERMON STUDY GUIDE

LUKE 21:12-19

"THINK DIFFERENT"

Jesus thinks about persecution differently than we do. He has good reasons for thinking that way. We need to learn to think the way He does.

HOW DO YOU NORMALLY THINK ABOUT...

- Being hated
- Being hurt
- Being rejected
- Being attacked

...FOR DOING THE RIGHT THING?

MOST OF US...

- Don't like it.
- Avoid it.
- Are surprised by it.

JESUS THINKS DIFFERENTLY.

"This will be your opportunity."

- And He has reasons for thinking the way He does.

BECAUSE GOD WILL USE IT.

"This will be your opportunity to bear witness."

- God uses persecution because of Jesus to give His people opportunities to testify about Him.

BECAUSE JESUS WILL HELP YOU.

"I will give you a mouth and wisdom..."

- He promises to help us know what to say.

BECAUSE JESUS WILL KEEP YOU.

"Not a hair of your head will perish."

"By your endurance you will gain your lives."

- He does not promise persecution won't hurt.
- But He does promise to preserve what matters most.

SO THINK DIFFERENT.

- Don't think people getting upset with you because of your relationship with Jesus is surprising.
- Don't think it automatically means you did something wrong.
- Don't think it means things are out of control.

INSTEAD...

Remember.

God is giving you an opportunity to do what matters most. .

And believe.

- He will use it so you can bear witness.
- Jesus will help you know what to say.
- Jesus will protect you when it comes to what matters most.

Commit to thinking the way Jesus does.