

WELCOME TO HAVEN

August 28, 2022

Welcome

Worship Songs

"10,000 Reasons"

"Firm Foundation"

Prayer

Scripture for Today

Matthew 5:11-12 (NIV)

Message

"Stranger Think: Attacked & Beaten Up (Part 2)" Jack D. Cohen

Offering/Worship Song

"King of Kings"

*Closing



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STRANGER THINK: LIVING RIGHT-SIDE UP IN UPSIDE DOWN WORLD ATTACKED & BEATEN UP (PART 1)

"Blessed are you when people insult you, 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." – Matthew 5:11-12

HOW CAN THIS BE A BLESSING?

"That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." – 2 Corinthians 12:10

"You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world... In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:13-16

HOW DO WE RESPOND?

1) Don't be _____

"Dear friends, 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." – 1 Peter 4:12 (CEV/TEV)

2) Don't be _____

"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." – 1 Peter 3:14-15 (NLT)

3) Don't be _____

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

4) Choose to _____

"...Love overlooks the wrongs that others do." – Proverbs 10:12 (CEV)

"When a fool is annoyed, he quickly lets it be known. Wise people will ignore an insult." – Proverbs 12:16 (TEV)

"A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense." – Proverbs 19:11

5) Refuse to _____

"Those who suffer according to God's will, should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good." – 1 Peter 4:19

6) Respond with _____, _____ & _____

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles." – Matthew 5:38-41

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." – Matthew 5:43-44

"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." – Luke 6:27-28

"Do not do wrong to repay a wrong, and do not insult to repay an insult. But repay with a blessing, because you yourselves were called to do this so that you might receive a blessing." – 1 Peter 3:9 (NCV)

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. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." – Romans 12:17-21

7) Remember the _____

"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." – 1 Corinthians 4:8-9

"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." – 1 Corinthians 4:17-18