



FRUITFUL IN A FAMINE
THE HARSH REALITY OF A HOSTILE WORLD
JOHN 15:18-25; 16:1-4A

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1. Expect _____
(15:18-20)

John 15:18–25, 16:1-4A (ESV)
18 “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 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. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. 21 But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 Whoever hates me hates my Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. 25 But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’
16:1 “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. 2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. 3 And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4 But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

2. Understand _____
(15:21-25)

3. Resolve _____
(16:1-4a)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read John 15:18-20.** Even though we should expect opposition to our faith, how can you avoid becoming arrogant toward the world or overly pessimistic about the future?

2. **Read Matthew 5:10-12.** While we may be treated unfairly like Jesus was, how do these verses encourage you to embrace the persecution that will inevitably come as you pursue Christ?

3. **Read John 13:36-38.** What is the difference between a healthy resolution to remain true to Christ and an unhealthy overconfidence in yourself? How can you live out that difference?

4. **Read 1 Peter 4:3-5.** Even if you do not back down in what you say, what are some of the ways the world will tempt you to compromise in your actions so that you blend in with them?

5. **Read Hebrews 3:12-14.** Encouragement plays a key role in this passage in helping people endure to the end. Who can you encourage and how will you encourage them this week?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Lutzer, Erwin. *We Will Not Be Silenced*. Harvest House Publishers, 2020.

Mohler, Albert. *The Gathering Storm*. Thomas Nelson, 2020.

Nyquist, Paul. *Prepare: Living Your Faith in an Increasingly Hostile Culture*. Moody, 2015.

Prayer Requests

Pray that our church will stand strong in truth and purity.

Pray for Christians that are persecuted throughout the world right now.

Praise God for providing a building for Compass Bible Church Tustin.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

Pray for Ignite to be an incredibly impactful time with our students!

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	Gospels	N.T.
6/28	2 Kings 9-10	Psalm 78:1-8	Luke 2:8-21	2 Corinthians 11:16-33
6/29	2 Kings 11-12	Psalm 78:9-16	Luke 2:22-38	2 Corinthians 12
6/30	2 Kings 13-14	Psalm 78:17-31	Luke 2:39-52	2 Corinthians 13
7/1	2 Kings 15-16	Psalm 78:32-40	Luke 3:1-9	Galatians 1:1-10
7/2	2 Kings 17-18	Psalm 78:41-55	Luke 3:10-22	Galatians 1:11-24
7/3	2 Kings 19	Psalm 78:56-66	Luke 3:23-30	Galatians 2:1-10