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THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT – The Beatitudes.

He said:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2021:

The **GREATEST SERMON
EVER PREACHED – THE
SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

✚ SERMONS

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noted

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¹⁹ GO therefore and make disciples of all
nations, baptizing them in²⁰ the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe
all that I have commanded you. And behold, I AM
with you always, to the end of the age.”

Whom have I in heaven *but You?* And *there is* none upon
earth *that* I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart
fail; *But God is* the strength of my heart and my portion
forever. PSALM 73/25-26

The name of the Lord is a **strong tower**; the
righteous man runs into it and is safe.
Proverbs 18:10



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The GREATEST SERMON EVER GIVEN: THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Matthew 5 – 6 – 7

Chapter 5 – The Beatitudes

There is not actually the word Beatitude in scripture; however, this collection of scriptures are described as the Beatitudes with the idea that these scriptures should **BE** the **ATTITUDE** of **Christians!!!** Jesus has delivered each Beatitude in an order in that one must seek to achieve or progress in the first in order to achieve or progress in the next – like the rungs on a ladder! One can not go from being poor in spirit to being a peacemaker without achieving the “**be the attitudes**” in between.

BLESSED ARE THOSE THAT HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS – FOR THEY SHALL BE FILLED

In order to be FILLED with RIGHTEOUSNESS one must HUNGER and THIRST for IT to receive the blessing. In succession, this rung of the BE the ATTITUDE is achieved if you are poor in spirit, have mourned, and are meek.

????How does one develop a taste for something - How hungry are we for RIGHTEOUSNESS - What do you eat? - What whets your appetite - What determines our diet - How does our diet affect our health????

JESUS is calling us out on our spiritual appetite!

Hunger – “*Panao*” To suffer – to want – to be needy – to crave for something – an eager desire

Thirst – “*Dipsao*” to suffer thirst – suffer from thirst – those who thirst painfully feel their want of and eagerly long for those things by which the soul is refreshed, supported and strengthened

The Psalmist hungers and thirsts for GOD – Can’t WAIT to GET to GOD

Psalm 42/1-2:

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. ² My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? **KJV**

As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. ²I thirst for God, the living God. **NLT**.

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. ²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. **NIV**

As the hart pants *and* longs for the water brooks, so I pant *and* long for You, O God. ² My inner self thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? **Amplified Classic**

Righteousness – “*Dekesuno*” – morally right in order to maintain a right relationship with GOD

Hungry and thirsty to KNOW GOD not just know of/about GOD – to have a relationship with JESUS must have a strong desire to know HIM!

In the world we have all kinds of things we hunger/thirst for such as: happiness, marriage/family, education, job position some even may want to win lottery – we look for ways to be happy everywhere

To be filled one must hunger/thirst for RIGHTEOUSNESS

Desire – Decision – Discipline

Desire: strong feeling – to long for something – to crave something that brings satisfaction

We crave lots of things: Books – T.V. – Movies – Music – Facebook – Tic Tok – Ice Cream – Steak – Job/Promotions/Salary increases

All of these things take time and paying attention to –

Do we crave GOD like the above? Are we spending a lot of time with HIM? – We should make HIM a priority perhaps by reading/knowing the WORD-thus KNOWING GOD as much as we know who posted what on FB how many times....you know.... the number of Bernie Memes on FB! How many March Madness games can you fit in to a day?

Need the same desire for The SPIRIT the same way – Pick the Bible up first thing – Everyday most get up and get breakfast without fail...Get the WORD we should crave-be addicted to GOD.

CRAVE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS TO BE Filled/Happy/Satisfied

Loss of Appetite is usually a sign of illness – when there is no desire to eat something is wrong GOD’S WORD - we should recognize that something is wrong. When we are not reading, praying, worshiping something is wrong in our relationship – we have to address the problem – we must take the problem, issue or illness to the spiritual doctor – JESUS!

“Complacency is a deadly foe of all Spiritual growth – Acute desire must be present be no manifestation of CHRIST – CHRIST wants to be wanted.” ~ **A. W. Tozer – The Pursuit of GOD**

Decision: Make a Determination after Consideration

Make the Decision to READ the WORD of GOD – sometimes make it a new year’s resolution but like most of them we fall of the wagon on NY resolutions like other old habits

Make Reading the WORD a DECISION not a resolution – feed your hunger and thirst for GOD –

Like the desire when you discover you have left your phone at home....if you are not too far you will definitely turn and go back to get it. If you are too far how long does it take to let go of the desire to have it with you?

Discipline: Trained – expecting to produce in specific character – more mental improvement

It is not easy because of distractions in our daily world

We need to Carve out Privacy/Alone time with GOD – we must discipline ourselves to stay in the WORD

Taking advantage of these characteristics will give us the Promise and we will be Filled/Satisfied – we must stay hungry and thirsty for the WORD of GOD!

BE Blessed – Hungry/Thirsty for GOD’S Righteousness – Shall BE Filled

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL – FOR THEY SHALL BE SHOWN MERCY

Most know the story of the Good Samaritan – this individual didn’t want explanations of who did it, what happened, why did it happen, not concerned why someone else didn’t help. Reminds me of person who was asked, Was there anything someone could do for them....to which the answer was “if you see something that needs to be done – Do It” That was a long time before

Nike's Just Do It"! That was the attitude of this individual – just observed that someone needed help and took every measure to alleviate the man's problem.

Mercy Cares and Does Something! – Acts of the Good of others - IT IS THE CHARACTER OF GOD

2 Samuel 22/26 "To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless,

GRACIOUS – MERCIFUL – LOVE OVERFLOWING – ABOUNDING IN LOVE

7 Times – where the Character of GOD is connected to or shows mercy!

Exodus 24/6 And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, **The Lord God, merciful** and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

Nehemiah 9/17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: **but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful**, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.

Psalm 86/3-5-13-15:

³ Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily. - ⁵ For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. - ¹³ For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell. - ¹⁵ But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Psalm 103/8 The Lord is **merciful** and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

Psalm 145/8-9. ⁸ **The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.** - ⁹ The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Joel 2/13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the **Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful**, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

Jonah 4/2 And he prayed unto the Lord, and said, I pray thee, O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: **for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful**, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

GOD is Rich in Mercy

Ephesians 2:4

But God, who is rich in **mercy**, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Saved By GOD's Mercy

Titus 3:5

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his **mercy** he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Our Merciful and Faithful High Priest – Pertaining to GOD who is Merciful and Faithful to us and we can be Bold and Not Ashamed in Coming to HIS Throne to Obtain Mercy

GOD is a Source of Mercy that will NEVER RUN OUT

- In the OT only the High Priest could go before The LORD on a person's behalf – One would have to wait for the High Priest to get up later in the morning if one needed God at 3 A.M.
- To get an answer for a problem or request – High Priest was the intercessor to GOD no other help or means of communicating with GOD. But now we have access through JESUS to our Great and Merciful GOD who never sleeps/slumbers and is EVER PRESENT for us.

Psalm 117/2

For **his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.** Praise ye the Lord.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain **mercy**, and find grace to help in time of need.

Micah shows us what is good and we must do before GOD

- We will be happy – victorious and have joy when we are merciful
- Humbleness – Love – Merciful to others

Micah 6/8. He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the **Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?**

Go and Learn that GOD prefers Mercy over Sacrifice

Matthew 9:13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have **mercy**, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Example of How Mercy is viewed by GOD

- If we have a debt that can't be repaid – we would ask for, pray for and greatly appreciate MERCY
- If it is extended to us should we not therefore extend it to others
- Has GOD shown us Mercy?
- The meaning of the number 3 in OT days – Peter thought it was very generous to double 3 add 1 to it as the number of times to forgive someone.....JESUS delivered the expectation of 70 X 7 of times to forgive!!

Matthew 18/21-33. ²¹ Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? ²² Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. ²³ Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. ²⁴ And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. ²⁷ Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. ²⁹ And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. ³⁰ And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. ³¹ So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. ³² Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: ³³ Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

Cheerful Mercy

- BE the ATTITUDE of Cheerful when Giving no matter whether it is MERCY or MONEY
- Avoid grudgingly or complaining – GOD does not like us to begrudge or complain
- We want mercy....so we cannot complain of what we feel may be the shortcomings of others – JUST SHOW MERCY!
- MERCY is a GREAT GIFT

Romans 12/6-8. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; ⁷ Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; ⁸ Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that **sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.**

GOD hears us when we complain about others or about our reasons for our efforts

Job 16/2 I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are ye all.

Where mercy to others; if we might complain – it is best to keep our mouths shut and show wisdom

Job 13/4-5. But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value. ⁵ O that ye would altogether hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom.

Material needs – we should meet If we see others suffering—we may be in need at some point. Make efforts at mercy from the heart – Spiritual needs can be met when helping others in physical needs Hope Faith --- Answering with RESTORE

1 John 3/17-18. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

Jude 1/21. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Jude 1/23. And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Judging one that is in better shape over one that is poor to whom you support with mercy – bad move – block blessing of mercy for self.

James 2/13. And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL FOR THE THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY

BLESSED Are The PURE IN HEART FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD

LOOK FORWARD TO JESUS COMING FOR US

Story of the Ostrich: The momma ostrich will bury her egg in the sand to protect it until it hatches and does nothing but keep her eye on that spot– it will be so well hidden that if she were to take her eyes off of it – she would no longer be able to find it. She never moves from the spot or takes her eyes off of the buried egg – The egg has her undivided attention. Nothing short of death will cause her to take her eyes from the spot.

The next rung of the beatitudes cannot get to pure in heart without having achieved the previous beatitudes #. Beatitude is not specifically in the Bible – Coined as a term that intends to Give the Believer. A BE Attitude – in other words What the attitude IS that we should HAVE!

Pure in Heart – has to do with what comes forth out of the heart – Levitical law/ceremonial cleansing to be pure – washings have to take place. Priest came from Aaron's lineage and these men could have no physical blemishes or flaws about their body and had to wash before coming before God to offer sacrifices. These men were perfect physical specimens. There was a focus on the outward man. Pure in heart has to do with the mind not the physical heart in the chest.

"Katharos" – to be cleansed from filth, impurities, corrupt desires – unwavering – total attention to what Lord says – cannot straddle the fence Heart must be totally undisturbed.

"Custus" – Clean – Chaste (Pure and Clean). Castor oil cleanses the body system. Spiritual castor oil will remove things from our lives that will hurt us it will clean the mind

Pure in Heart means to have a Heart committed totally to pleasing GOD – everything said or done is totally pleasing to GOD

Everything done with a heart of BEING TOTALLY PLEASING TO GOD

Flushing out to achieve a pure heart as in **1 Chronicles 28/9** And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever.

God sees, hears and knows everything that is in our hearts (MINDS) Make sure heart is totally committed

The PURE HEART is totally committed to the sole purpose of GLORYFYING GOD – HE Deserves ALL the GLORY and he searches are hearts. Think about the things we do every day where we have an expectation of cleanliness – we want to breathe

clean air, drink clean water – the Pandemic has brought clean home to us. Wash Hands – Air pollution has decreased – Water has become less polluted in some situations. We want clean/sanitized hotels, restaurants – major idea of cleaning and sanitizing from the virus to avoid infection.

God deserves the effort of our inward cleansing to HIS GLORY!!

Psalm 139/23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: ²⁴ And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

1 Corinthians 10/31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

GOD's GLORY is worth spending time working on the cleaning to get to a pure heart. The Heart of the Problem is the Problem of the Heart to see GOD – HIS fingerprints are everywhere –SEEING the Invisible GO

D to those who can SEE HIM.

We can see GOD's handiwork all around us - God working in our life –

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD

5 BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD,

In JESUS time – the world was in conflict – just as it is now in conflict

There is national, racial tension, personal, mental, marital(over 51% do not last-and in this time of pandemic may be problematic more than ever), political and even church conflict today at the forefront of our world more than ever.

We are called on to be **Peacemakers** in the midst of all of this conflict – this may be the most difficult of the BE the ATTITUDE (the Beatitudes). The word Peacemaker is found one time in the scripture; however the word Peace is found 450 times in the NT.

Evil needs to depart from the hearts of people – Peace means the absence of conflict – there should be active enjoyment of all that is good.

Proverbs 12/20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of **peace is joy**.

Peacemakers are in the middle of conflict – they are able to recognize conflict – there is opposition most people do not seek opposition or conflict. We will use the excuse that something is not our business. We do not usually take the initiative to resolve the issue or problem causing the opposition. Peacemakers will take the initiative to step in and help resolve the problem

In all types of relationships who will be the bigger person – the one that steps up as the first to apologize – the one that follows peace.

Hebrews 12/14 Follow **peace with all men**, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Must work at Peace – Pursue Peace – Strive for Peace – Desire Peace

Leave a gift at the altar and go resolve the problem with a relationship is what GOD expects us to do.

Matthew 18/15. Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

We should live peaceably with all men as much as possible – Live as one who will take responsibility for reconciling differences causing broken relationships. Even the unjust judge who did not fear GOD nor regard man avenged the woman of her adversary because he wanted peace from her persistence in the matter.

Ephesians 4/3. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the **bond of peace**.

Romans 14/19. For the **kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace**, and joy in the Holy Ghost. ¹⁸ For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. ¹⁹ Let us therefore **follow after the things which make for peace**, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Romans 12/18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, **live peaceably** with all men.

All things – there should be a Ministry of Reconciliation – Peacemakers initiates and facilitates reconciliation – peacemakers give unmerited grace – one should never tire of giving grace. Try 70 x7 unlimited – People who have peace are able to bring peace to others

If you are filled with trouble that is what comes out – but when filled with grace and peace that is what comes out
Peace is an outflow of purity in your life

2 Corinthians 5/18 And **all things are of God**, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

To be a peacemaker one must have a pure heart

James 3/17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

3 questions to keep in mind on our way to being Peacemakers:

- #1. Are we more known for making our point or making peace?
- #2. Are we more of a Peacekeeper than a Peacemaker? (In other words, we don't want to rock the boat)
- #3. Are we more concerned about posting the 10 Commandments or the BEATITUDES?
We want the 10 commandments posted at courthouse, public buildings, schools – but what would be the outcome if Blessed are the Merciful on that courtroom wall – how might that affect someone's life?

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

THIS BE THE ATTITUDE REPRESENTS THE CHARACTER OF A CHRISTIAN

THE PROGRESSION OF THE PREVIOUS BEATITUDES MUST HAVE OCCURRED IN ORDER TO ENDURE PERSECUTION!

- Very difficult to withstand or submit to persecution in the manner that JESUS – we want to be like JESUS – he warned us that we would face persecution – some people face persecution unto death
- This persecution is of righteousness sake – not for bad decisions
- We are to expect and rejoice at persecution if for righteousness – why? Because GREAT is our REWARD in HEAVEN
- Relating persecution to the thorn that Paul spoke about – He asked 3 times for its removal – GOD's answer was that HIS grace was sufficient...and with that knowledge Paul celebrated the thorn and quite dwelling on it

Often new Christians feel that when they begin the walk with JESUS that things will be easy...but this is not the case – he speaks to us about it in **Matthew 10/24-25**. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they

call them of his household? JESUS is letting us know that as his servants – what was done to HIM as our leader will be done to us in the way of persecutions.

Similarly in John and 2nd Timothy JESUS tells us of our walk in this world as well as in Luke to **beware** of those who speak well of you which we usually welcome compliments but here we must be **aware** of who is giving the compliments-are the compliments from the world or fellow worshippers of GOD.

- **John 15/20.** Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.
- **2 Tim 3/12.** Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.
- **Luke 2/26.** Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

340 million Christians have experienced a high level of persecution and discrimination. 4488 Churches have been attacked It is not always to the death but many have died standing for righteousness of GOD-they fully understood that they were not living for here but for the Kingdom of Heaven. Heaven holds the REWARD.

John Piper wrote “America is the hardest place in the world to be a Christian”! Because the freedom to worship does not afford us the option of living comfortably.

More and more people around the world are losing their physical lives for the cause of Christ – Persecution to death which does not feel like the freedom to worship because in so many places worship is not a freedom.

Books that may to consider for outside reading to get a gauge on this issue:

1. **Christian Martyrs of the World** and
2. **Tortured for Christ**

These books chronical the subject and may foster an appreciation of the religious freedom we have.

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1. **EXAMPLES OF PERSECUTION**

- a. Joseph Genesis Chapters 37 - 39
- b. Moses – the children of Israel complained about him regularly even his own brother and sister-in-law Exodus 5/21 14/11; 17/2 and 16/2
- c. Samuel heard the complaints of the people but GOD made Samuel understand WHO was being rejected -1st Samuel 8/5
- d. Elijah despised and persecuted 1 Kings 18/17 and 19/2
- e. Nehemiah oppressed and defamed in Nehemiah 4 but he did not quit.
- f. Stephen stoned
- g. Peter/John/James in prison
- h. Paul's entire after on the Damascus road
- i. The Church – suffered and endured for CHRIST Philippians 1/29

2. **The GREAT FAITH** shown by these scriptures **Hebrews 11/32-40**

3. **GLORY IN PATIENCE AND FAITH** – Church enduring persecution **2 Thess. 1/4**

People want to say that the pandemic/virus has messed up the church – not so! The church is HERE and is strong through the pandemic/virus. We only have to remember that JESUS let us know that HE built his church on a ROCK and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. COVID19 is NO competition to HIM.

1st Peter 4/12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

Reville - to insult – to slander – verbally abuse – mock – intimidate – torment
We will be reviled and persecuted by the tongue and by the hand.

There is not a FAITH WALK without PAIN. Many times persecution will come from loved ones instead of strangers.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

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