

## Introduction

Beatitudes – the \_\_\_\_\_ and character traits that God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ within us

## Text: Matthew 5:10-12

### The reality of persecution – 5:11

1. It is \_\_\_\_\_. – "you"
2. It is \_\_\_\_\_. – "when"

### The reasons for persecution

1. Because we are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Because we \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. – John 15:20
3. Not because we \_\_\_\_\_ it!

2 Timothy 3:12

### The types of persecution – 5:11

1. We may be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We may be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We may be \_\_\_\_\_ about.

### How Should I Respond to Persecution?

1. Recognize the \_\_\_\_\_. – Ephesians 6:12
2. Refuse to \_\_\_\_\_. – Romans 12:17, 19  
\_\_\_\_\_ refused to retaliate. – 1 Peter 2:21-23

3. Respond \_\_\_\_\_. – Romans 12:21;  
Matthew 5:44

You cannot control the things that people \_\_\_\_\_ to you, you cannot control the things that people \_\_\_\_\_ about you. But you can control how you choose to \_\_\_\_\_.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ over it. – 5:12
  - A. It means that \_\_\_\_\_ can be seen in my life. – 1 Peter 4:14
  - B. It means God can \_\_\_\_\_ me ... it may be a sign of \_\_\_\_\_. – Acts 5:41  
Our faith should be like a \_\_\_\_\_, the harder you drive it, the \_\_\_\_\_ it goes.
  - C. It is only \_\_\_\_\_. – 2 Corinthians 4:17
5. Remember my \_\_\_\_\_. – Romans 8:16-17; Matthew 19:29
6. Remain \_\_\_\_\_. – 1 Peter 4:19

### Conclusion

1. What is your faith \_\_\_\_\_ you?
2. What could cause you to \_\_\_\_\_ your faith?
3. How many people know you're a \_\_\_\_\_?