

UNTIL I RETURN

Based On the Book by Jeff Walling

WORDS OF WARNING

Lesson 12 - When They Hurt You, Don't Let Go!

Intro: This is Jesus' last warning to his disciples. What kind of abuse was Jesus about to suffer?

Are Christians still being persecuted today?

Why do these things still happen? (See John 16:2-4)

1. The Final Warning

- Why did Jesus say what he did in John 16:1-2?

- Three truths about persecution:
 - a. The absence of persecution is no proof of God's blessing. (See 2 Tim.3:1-2)
 - b. The presence of persecution is no guarantee of God's approval.
 - c. Our reaction to persecution is a sign of our faith.

* Jesus wanted his followers to respond to persecution in a manner that _____!

What did Jesus say in Luke 6:27-28?

What is our natural tendency to those that hurt us?

2. Three Principles for Facing Persecution

- Learn to discover the blessing in persecution. (Matt.5:11-12, James 1:2-4)

- Recognize the power of persecution.

Persecution attacks our Self-EST_____! (Embarrassment, reputation)

Persecution attacks our Self-INT_____! (Job, position)

Persecution attacks our Self-PRES_____! (High cost, targets)

* Persecution makes us focus on S_____! Allow persecution to point you to J_____ (Heb.12)