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What We Have to Keep Central:

- a. Christians have always lived in oppositional cultures
- b. Our enemy is Satan, not people
- c. God calls us to rescue people, not the culture
- d. Disagree with opinions, not people

**Look to Jesus for your rescue when you suffer
for being obedient to Him**

1. When you live a right side-up life, it gets **noticed**

Daniel 6:1-5

If people were looking to find dirt on you related to conduct or corruption, what would they **find**?

2. Determine that it's worth living right side-up even before **consequences** occur

Daniel 6:6 -17

“God is in control of who’s in control” (Larry Osborne)

Are you living in an overt manner in your obedience to God that could even be noticed in order to make a law against it?

If you were on trial for being a follower of Jesus, there would be 8-15 people in your relational world who would know for certain if the charges against you were true or not.

Galatians 1:10

1 Peter 4:12-16, 19

3. Entrust yourself to God and watch Him show Himself strong

Daniel 6:19 -28

When you are saved from unfounded accusations, who do you credit for your rescue?

The kinds of things that God rescues us from are amazing, but what’s more amazing is the presence and power of God that does the saving in the first place!

Hebrews 11:32-34

Now What?

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Week of February 11

Rescued

This is the final session in the “Inverted” series. You can hear the messages at www.trinityonline.org.



Share It

What is the ‘American’ view of suffering?



Study the Word

Read Daniel 6. What was Daniel’s civil disobedience? How/why did he ‘get caught?’

What was Daniel’s attitude toward the suffering he might face?

What was the result of Daniel’s faith in his times and ours? (See Hebrews 11:33; 12:1)

Jesus promised us that if we followed Him, we would suffer in some way: mental, physical, emotional, or spiritual. But He also promised that they would be blessed (Matthew 5:22).

Consider what the following Scriptures say about suffering:

John 15:18-19

Philippians 1:29

1 Peter 4:13-14

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Revelation 22:12



Discuss Together

What do you think it means to live in such an overt manner in your obedience to God that it is noticed? Are we living with enough contrast to the world? In what ways?

Believers have suffered throughout history. What about us – is there suffering here? Is there a disconnect with the very idea?

What are some right reasons that we might suffer? How should we view this suffering? (See Galatians 1:10; 1 Peter 4:12-19) How is this always about Jesus?



Pray

- High-Schoolers and International Friends have a Friday outreach
- Pray for watching friends in your world



Apply It This Week

Self-examine your lifestyle: For what am I known? Do others see evidence of Jesus?