

WHEN YOU'RE HARASSED

Stuff That Really Matters – Part 6

John 16:33 (Mes) Jesus says, "I've told you all this so that in trusting me, you will be unshakable and at peace. In this godless world, you will experience difficulties, but take heart. I have conquered the world."

2 Timothy 3:1-4 (NLT) "You should also know that in the last days, there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving. They will slander others. They will have no self-control. People will be cruel and have no interest in what is good. They will betray their friends. They will be reckless, puffed up with pride and they will love pleasure rather than God."

John 15:19-20 "The world would love you if you belong to it, but you don't. I chose you to come out of the world, and so it hates you. Remember, a servant is not greater than the master, and since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you, too."

Seven Ways to Deal with Bullying and Harassment

1. **Recognize** _____.

Ephesians 6:12 "We are not fighting against human beings, but against wicked spiritual forces."

2. **Remember** _____.

1 John 4:4 "You, dear children, are from God and you have overcome the world."

Psalms 56:3-4 (NLT) "When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you, O God, and I praise your Word. I trust in you, God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me?"

3. **Refuse** _____.

Romans 12:17-19 "If someone has done you wrong, never pay back evil with evil. Then you're no better than they are. Instead, try to do what everyone considers to be good. Do everything possible on your part to live at peace with everybody. Never take revenge, my friends, but instead let God's anger do it, for the scripture says, 'I will avenge you and I will pay them back,' says the Lord."

4. Respond _____.

Romans 12:21 "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."
Matthew 5:44, "Love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you."

5. Refocus _____.

1 Peter 4:14 "If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed."
Acts 5:41 "The apostles were full of joy that God considered them worthy to suffer disgrace for Jesus' name."
2 Corinthians 4:17 "These troubles won't last very long. Yet this time of distress will result in God's richest blessing upon us forever and ever."

6. Remember _____.

Matthew 5:11-12 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
Romans 8:17 "Since we are God's children, if we share in Christ's suffering, we will also share in his Glory."

7. Remain _____.

1 Peter 4:19 "So those who suffer according to God's will..."
2 Timothy 3:12 "Everyone who wants to live as God desires in Christ Jesus will be hurt."
Matthew 19:29 "Jesus says, 'Anyone who has given up houses or lost brothers and sisters or fathers or mothers or children. If you've lost anything for my sake, you will receive back 100 times as much in return and you will have eternal life.'
Mark 8:38 "If you're ashamed of me and my commands in this godless and sinful generation, I will be ashamed of you when I come back in glory with the Holy angels."
Matthew 10:32 "But for those who declare publicly that they belong to me, I will do the same for them before my Father in heaven."