

RENEW

At What Cost?

Jesus Is Disturbing

Matthew 5:10-11

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Following Jesus Will ...

- Disturb others.
- Test us.

Following Jesus Will ...

Matthew 10:34-35

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn ‘a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—”

Following Jesus Will ...

John 15:18-19

If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world.

Following Jesus Will ...

- Disturb others.
- Test us.
- Bless us.

“I Don't Like to Be Pushed Around!”

- Fight back
- Accommodate
- Run away

Matthew 5:12

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

When You're Pushed Around ...

- Remember who you are and Whose you are.
- Remember Whom you serve.

When You're Pushed Around ...

1 Peter 2:19-23

For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

When You're Pushed Around ...

1 Peter 2:19-23

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

When You're Pushed Around ...

- Remember who you are and Whose you are.
- Remember Whom you serve.
- Remember where you're going.