## **CROSS TRAINING!**

## The Believer's Response to Persecution

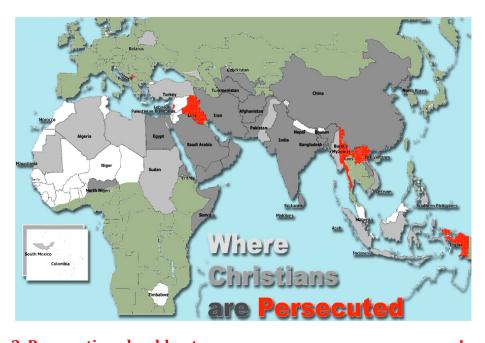
John 15:17-16:4

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**Bottom Line:** The blessings of following Christ are enormous, but with those blessings will come persecution.

Persecution: The attempt to stop and silence the message of Christ by inflicting mockery, strife, pain, or death on those who believe it.

1. Persecution should not us
John 15:18-19; 1 Peter 4:12
2. Persecution should not us
John 15:19-25
A. The World feels v. 19
sounds like
"Christians think they're better than us."
"Christians are judging us."
B. The World fuels v. 19-20
sounds like
"Jesus thought He was THE way, but He's just A way."
"Christians are so close-minded."
C. The World reacts in v. 21
responds by
- Rejecting the God that is <u>NOT</u> described in the Bible.
- Rejecting that God <u>IS</u> described in the Bible.



	a not us
John 15:26-27	
	d notus
John 16:1-4	
Now What? 1 Pete	er 4:12-19
1	for the persecuted church.
2. Defend the po	ersecuted church.
3	when you are persecuted, as you
identify wit	h Christ.
4. Remember th	nat this is not our ultimate home.
5	God in your actions.
6. Focus on trus	ting God.

Other helpful resources: www.persecution.com