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It is that time of year - snow shovel sign-up is in the foyer!



January 20 - Faith Bible Institute starts. See Adam for information.
Saturday, January 25, 6 pm - Members' Dinner & Annual Meeting.
Saturday, February 1, 9:30-11:15 am - Pour Over - women's gathering.

Prayer Concerns:



January Focus:

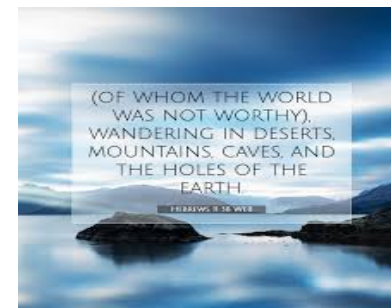
Jon & Rachel LaMontagne
(Camp Maranatha, NH)

Nathaniel & Danielle Shrift
(Ethnos 360, Brazil)

++Pray for Russ Stratton and family on their mission trip to Dominican.
++Pray for Pastor & Debby as they serve in Mexico.
++Please pray for Todd & Kimberly Harris that God would provide housing for them. They live in Virginia and were members at EBC for 12 years.
Continue to pray for Mac and family.
Pray for Harry Bosworth for quick healing on his leg and salvation.
Continue to pray for Hank as he will undergo more medical tests. Pray for healing, strength, and encouragement.
Please pray for our Awana program and all those involved.
Please continue to pray for Tim & Gerri for ongoing strength and comfort.



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January 12, 2025

Consider the Source

Hebrews 11:35-38

*Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you;
Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.*

Proverbs 9:8 (NKJV)

Sundays:

8:00-8:45 am - free breakfast

9-11:15 - Awana

9:00 am - Bible Emphasis groups

10:00 am - Morning worship

This week:

Monday - 6:30 pm - Mon. evening men's group - contact Pastor Russ.

Tuesday - 6-7:30 pm - Men's & Women's small groups in Merrimac.

6:45 pm - Tues. evening men's group - contact Pastor

Russ.

Wednesday - 6:30 pm - small group at the parsonage.

- 7 pm - Wed. evening men's group - contact Pastor

Russ.

Thursday - **2:15 - 3:15 pm** - Women's Bible study at the church.

Contact Barb at 603-401-9785 for more info.

Saturday - 8 am - Couple's Group - contact Pastor Russ.

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Consider The Source - Hebrews 11:35-38

How do you handle criticism (of any kind)?

How well do you consider the source?

Summary on Biblical persecution:

II Tim. 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus _____ suffer persecution.

I Pet. 3:13-17 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed...having a good conscience, that _____ they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

Matt. 5:10-12 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you _____ for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven; for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Summary of Hebrews 11:35-38 (actual) persecution:

"tortured, not accepting deliverance"

"trial of mockings and scourgings"

"chains and imprisonment"

"stoned...sawn in two...tempted...slain with the sword"

"wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins"

"destitute, afflicted, tormented"

"wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth"

Question #1 - Does my "persecution" look like that today?

Question #2 - Is it possible that what I may consider "persecution" for my faith is really something else?

Rom. 12:4-5 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

***On occasion, my "persecution" is Biblical _____

Don't judge - Matt. 7:1-2/Rom. 14:13

Don't lie - Eph. 4:25/Col. 3:9

Don't "bite and devour" - Gal. 5:13-15

Don't speak evil - Jam. 4:11

Don't envy or provoke - Gal. 5:26

Don't grumble - Jam. 5:9

Consider these alternatives...

1. My "persecution" may actually be _____ Be godly
I Pet. 1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart.

II John 1:5b-6 ...that we love one another. This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.
Prov. 3:11-12/John 13:34-35,15:12,17/Rom. 12:9-10,13:8/I Thess. 3:12,4:9-10/I Pet. 4:8/I John 3:11,23,4:7,11-12

2. My "persecution" may actually be _____ (exhortation)
Be diligent

I Thess. 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.
Heb. 3:12-13 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "today" lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
Heb. 10:24-25 And let us consider one another to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

3. My "persecution" may actually be _____ (instruction)
Be careful (and study the Scriptures)

Col. 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
II Tim. 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
Eph. 4:11-12 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

4. My "persecution" may actually be a _____ Be wise
Prov. 9:8-9 Do not correct a scoffer, let he hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser; teach a just man and he will increase in learning.
Prov. 28:23 He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward than he who flatters with the tongue. II Tim. 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

Goal: Consider the source & (if necessary) change my course!