



Hold the Line!

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Text: John 8:13-20

Passage Summary: As we survey the life and ministry of Jesus, one thing becomes increasingly clear; in the eye of the storm, He knows where to focus!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that not if, but when opposition comes, it is essential to maintain a steadfast focus on God! (8:13-20)

Opposition Tracker in the Life of Jesus

Jesus' brothers mock and ridicule Him in unbelief (7:2-5)

The religious leaders are waiting in Jerusalem to take His life (7:1, 11)

The crowds accuse Him of deceiving the people (7:12)

The crowds accuse Him of being demon possessed (7:20)

The crowds question His credibility to be the Messiah! (7:25-27)

The crowds try to seize Jesus (7:30)

The religious leaders send temple guards to arrest Jesus (7:32)

The religious leaders try to trap and accuse Jesus (8:6)

The religious leaders question the _____ of Jesus' testimony! (8:13)

"The Pharisees challenged him, 'Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid.'"

John 8:13

"One witness is not enough to convict a man accused of any crime or offense he may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses."

Deuteronomy 19:15

Application: Recognize that when it comes to a steadfast focus on God, be mindful of His...

- _____! (v.13-20)

"Jesus answered, 'Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going.'"

John 8:14

"Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

John 14:9

See that when it comes to our calling from God, hold the line by recognizing...

What He has saved us _____, and what He has saved us _____!

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

1 Peter 2:9

When we _____ for truth, He _____ with us!

"But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me."

John 8:16

"But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God."

Acts 7:55

Remember: When it comes to a steadfast focus on God, the impact of calling cannot be underestimated; for through it, we find the _____ to hold the line, as we _____ to stand on the rock of Christ!

"On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand"

Edward Mote, The Solid Rock

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine to remain in the eye of the storm as the day of Christ's return draws near; opposition will be inevitable, but there is a quietness and a strength for those who know where to focus!