



Hope Like Abraham!

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Text: John 8:48-59

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! (8:48-59)

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 validity of Jesus' testimony! (8:13)
 The religious leaders accuse Jesus of being born of fornication! (8:41)

The religious leaders accuse Jesus of being a _____ and
 _____ possessed! (8:48)

The religious leaders try to _____ Jesus! (8:59)

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

- Calling! (v.48-59)

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

The strength that is found when you narrow your life down to a single aim; to
 _____ God the Father by _____ God the Son!

"I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge."

John 8:50

"Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."

John 8:56

See that when it comes to a hope like Abraham's...

He saw the _____ of a land, a nation, and a great _____
 to come to all the world!
 (Genesis 12:1-3)

He saw the fulfillment of that blessing _____ by a _____!
 (Genesis 22:13-14)

He saw the fulfillment of that blessing involving a _____!
 (Hebrews 11:9-16)

He lived in _____ even though the ultimate fulfillment of these promised
 blessings would exceed his _____!
 (Hebrews 11:13)

Remember: When it comes to a steadfast focus on God, the ultimate foundation of our calling is the call to salvation, and for those who have already received it through faith in Christ, we discover we may have a lot more in common with Abraham than we realize; and so with a faith and a hope like Abraham, may God strengthen us to live as _____ here on this earth, being fully convinced that He has something so much greater in store for us to experience _____!

"These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect."

Hebrews 11:39-40

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!