

## Do We Want A Good Life Or A Godly Life?

### The day it all started to fall apart:

Acts 4:1-22

### Learning from their persecution:

Sometimes great **OBEDIENCE** brings great **OPPOSITION**.

Opposition may not be our **CURSE**, but our **REWARD**.

Let's pray more for our **MINISTRY**, than to remove our **MISERY**.

### The difference between good and godly:

If a good life means no **PERSECUTION** or **OPPOSITION**,  
then our life won't **ALWAYS BE GOOD**.

However, if we redefine good as simply **GLORIFYING GOD**,  
then life will never **BE BAD**.

## Food for Thought for the week of March 15, 2020

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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1. This weekend, Chris reminded us that as followers of Jesus, not everything we experience in this world is going to go well. In fact, as Christians, we're going to face opposition in many forms. However, everything we do, everything we are, everything we experience can be to the glory of God. How do the following passages give you encouragement and hope in your trials?

- James 1:2-4
  
- John 16:33
  
- Matthew 5:10-12
  
- Luke 6:22-23

2. How can you continue to glorify God when things don't go the way you think they should?

### Extra Credit

Read Job 38

Job is the story of a guy who had everything and then pretty much lost it - family, friends, money, health, success, position in life. For several chapters leading up to Chapter 38, Job has been questioning God on why He would allow these things to happen. Job thought that God had turned His back on him, which is often our temptation during extended times of suffering.

1. How does Job 38 help you to resist the temptation to think God has turned His back on you?

2. How can you continue to trust the Word of God and still be a light in spite of all circumstances?