



STUDY NOTES – JULY 26, 2020

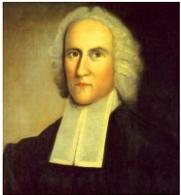
Sermon Series: “Stand Firm: First Peter”

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Scripture: 1 Peter 4:1-6

1. The preparation for vilification (Vs. 1-2)

- Life lesson: Focus on the blessing of being falsely vilified.



Johnathan Edwards (1703-1758) - *“As love to God prevails, it tends to set persons above human injuries, in this sense, that the more they love God the more they will place all their happiness in Him. They will look to God as their all and seek their happiness...in His favor.... The more they love God, the less they set their hearts on their worldly interests, which are all that their enemies can touch.”*

2. The reason for vilification (Vs. 3-6)

- Life lesson: Gain courage by training yourself to not take the vilification personally.

HOW TO RESPOND TO VILIFICATION

1. Humbly consider the validity of the accusation.
2. Be cautious about claiming persecution.
3. Give thanks that we suffer with Christ.
4. Stand for truth but never resort to harsh retorts.
5. Remember our opposition is not our enemy but rather our mission field.

S.A.L.T. Group questions

- Have someone read Sunday's passage: 1 Peter 4:1-6
 - What truths stand out to you?
- 1. Have you ever been falsely accused?
 - How did it make you feel?
 - What was your first response to the accusation?

- Looking back, were there any spiritual blessings from being falsely accused?
- 2. Why is it so easy to take false accusations personally?
 - How can a realization that godliness will be vilified by evil people?
- 3. From "How to respond to a vilification culture", what are some other suggestion you have in how to respond?
 - Take time to pray for those in your group who are being falsely accused.

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