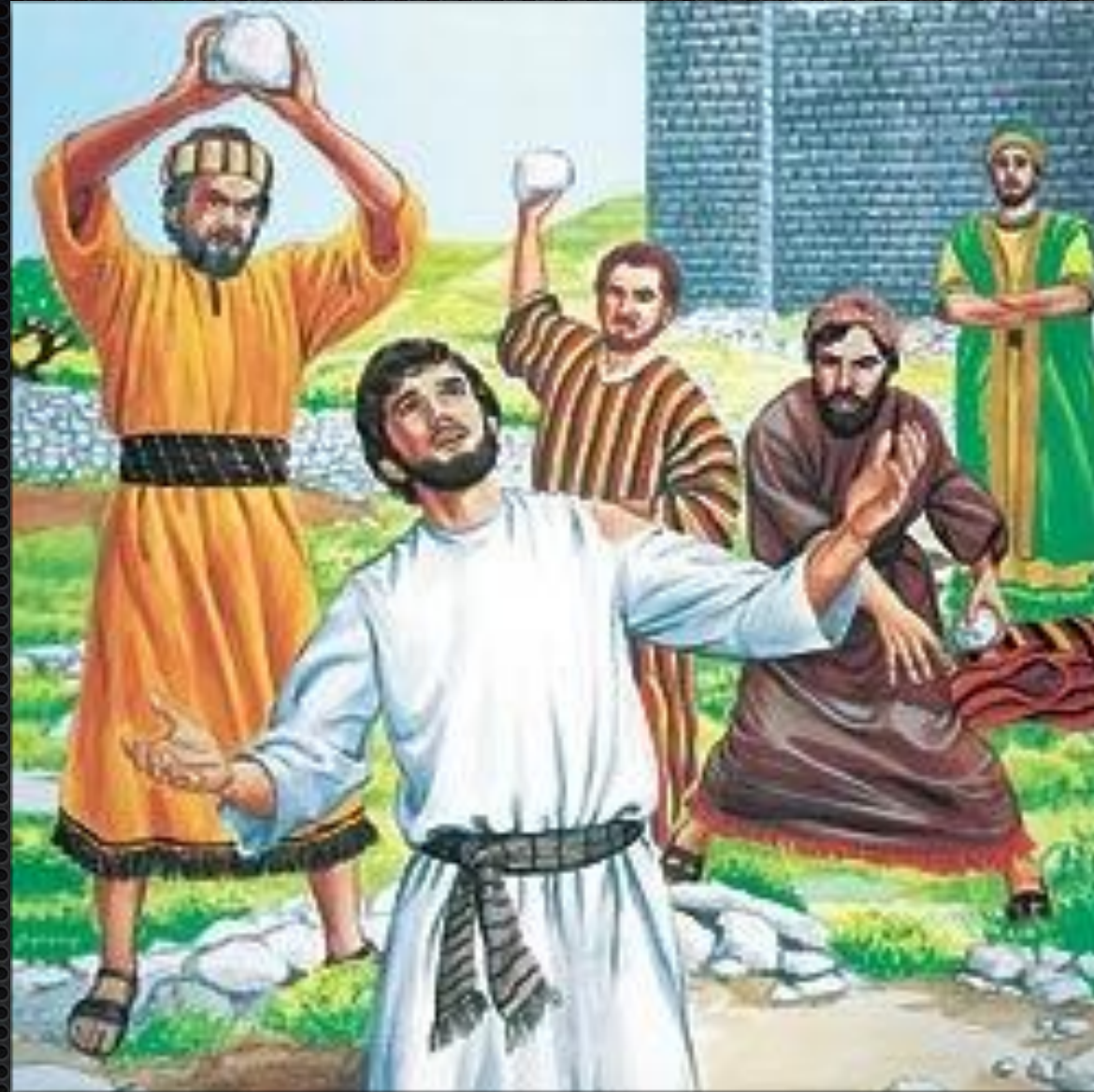




“You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them.” (Mk. 13:9)

Dealing with Accusations

Part 2



Summary

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 - Types of Accusations
 - How to distinguish between them
- Part 2
 - Responding to accusations
 - God's place in the midst of accusations
 - What to do if I am falsely accused?

Responding to True Accusations

- **Concede**
- “For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.” (Ps. 51:3)
- “And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, “I have sinned this time. The Lord is righteous, and my people and I are wicked.” (Exo. 9:27)

Responding to True Accusations

- **Reconcile**

- “If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.” (Rom. 12:18)
- “Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.” (Ps. 34:14)

- **Repent/Confess**

- “Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight.” (Ps. 51:4)

Responding to True Accusations

- Change
- “You are more righteous than I; for you have rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil.” (1 Sam. 24:17)



Responding to Mixed Accusations

- **Clarify misunderstanding**
- “Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days.” (Lk. 5:34-35)
- **Attempt to resolve root cause of accusation**

Responding to False Accusations

- What not to do...
- There are different levels in dealing with false accusations
- Defend their rights based on truth
- Remain silent
- Bear the burden of the accusation



God in the midst of accusations

- He knows

- Ex: Susanna

- “O eternal God, who know both what is secret and all things before they come to be, You know these men testified against me falsely, and behold, I shall die, though I did none of the things they wickedly invented against me.” (Dan. 13:42-43 LXX)

- He sympathizes

- He has a plan

How to handle false accusations?

- **Never fight your own battles**
 - “No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me,” Says the Lord.” (Is. 54:17)
- **Try to clear the air**

How to handle false accusations?

- Remember, it is not about what people think, but what HE knows
- “It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.”
(Matt. 10:25-26)

How to handle false accusations?

- **Live with a good conscience towards God**
- "...having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed." (1 Pet. 3:16)
- "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake." (Matt. 5:11)

Types of Accusations

- Put your reputation in God's hand
- Prayer
- "...bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven." (Matt. 5:44-45)