

# The Church Is Calm in Opposition

Acts 19:11-41

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We all face those times when we believe the opposition to us is so great that we must defend our self, lest no one will. It is difficult to remain silent when it seems like our credibility is on the line. However, Paul reveals that a believer's ability to remain calm in the face of opposition reveals a confidence in God's plan and power. In the events at Ephesus, Paul demonstrates how to be ***Calm while Facing:***

I. I \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 11-20)

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord!’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to Me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in Your name, drive out demons in Your name, and do many miracles in Your name?’ <sup>23</sup>Then I will announce to them, ‘I never knew you! Depart from Me, you lawbreakers!’” Matthew 7:21-23

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## II. R\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 21-41)

“But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear or be disturbed, <sup>15</sup>but honor the Messiah as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.

<sup>16</sup>However, do this with gentleness and respect, keeping your conscience clear, so that when you are accused, those who denounce your Christian life will be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.” 1 Peter 3:14-17

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“But I know my living Redeemer,  
and He will stand on the dust at last.”

Job 19:25

“And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:7