



# World Victory Church

## *“Victory in the Face of Adversity”*

Wed May 1, 2019

- I. **Mark 4:13-20**
  - A. Satan, your adversary, has always been after one thing: The Word!
    1. The Word, the Sword of the Spirit, Jesus the Anointed One!
    2. Distractions, Offense, Persecutions.....whatever it takes, Satan is always looking for a way
  - B. The key to victory is being grounded (vs. 17)
    1. Jesus said in **John 15:5** *“I am the vine; you are the branches....”*
    2. Why does persecution & affliction come? For the Word’s sake.
      - It has always amazed me how warped religious thinking can be
      - God is never your problem; He is your answer! If you are being afflicted, pray; If you are being persecuted, Rejoice. (In your joy, you will have your victory.)
  
- II. The Persecution of the Righteous
  - A. Recent shootings in Religious Gatherings
    1. 2 places about 12 miles apart in California (1 Jewish and 1 Christian)
    2. Look at the bigger picture: A terrorist attack is an attack by the enemy to bring fear. These attacks are not random at all. They are devised by Satan himself to try to keep people from finding God!
    3. If Christians live in fear, they will stop going to church all together
  - B. **John 16:1-2**
    1. Prophecy repeating itself – early church and the latter church
    2. **Luke 21:10-19** – Fear will not dictate my actions in life!
  - C. **II Timothy 3:10-17**
    1. If you live righteously, if you live for the Lord, persecution will come (most persecution comes in the form of spoken words against you)
      - The reaction of joy always brings the desired outcome
      - Instead of looking at the problem, look at the answer
    2. God will deliver you from the lion’s mouth (**II Timothy 4:14-18**)