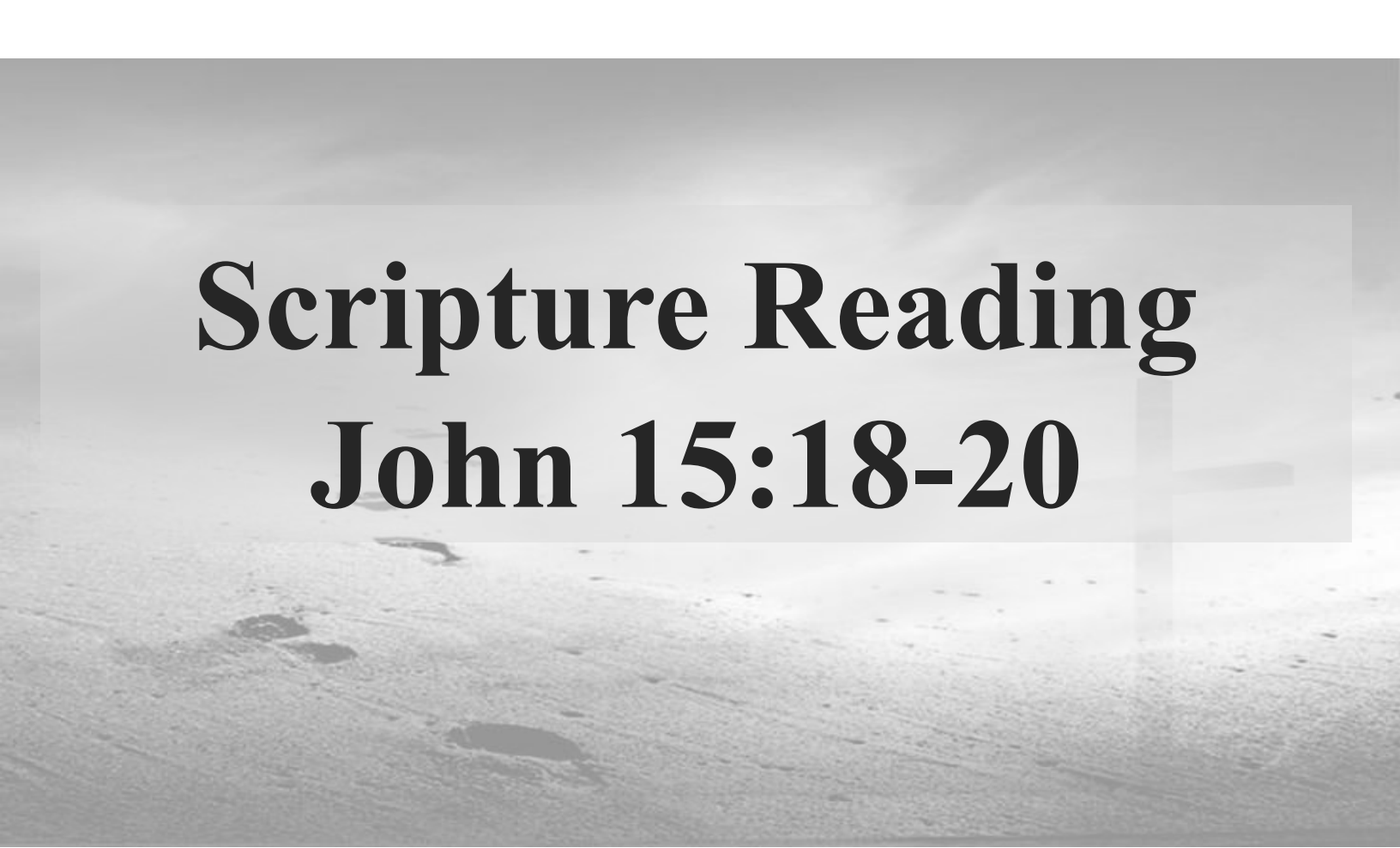




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Opening Hymn #563
*Open My Eyes That I
May See*



Scripture Reading
John 15:18-20



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Memory Verse
Romans 8:37

**Yet in all these things,
we are more than
conquerors through
Him who loved us.**

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Hymn #760
*While We are
Waiting Come*

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Hymn #630
*What a Friend We
Have in Jesus*

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Message:

Romans 12:17-21

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I. How to handle opposition



**A. Isolation is not
an option**



**B. We are not to seek
revenge vv. *17,19***

**C. Bless do not,
curse *v.17***



**D. Live peaceably
*v.18***





II. Stand without speaking out



A. Let your daily life reflect your beliefs



B. Extend grace



C. Be a peacemaker
v.18, Matthew 5:9



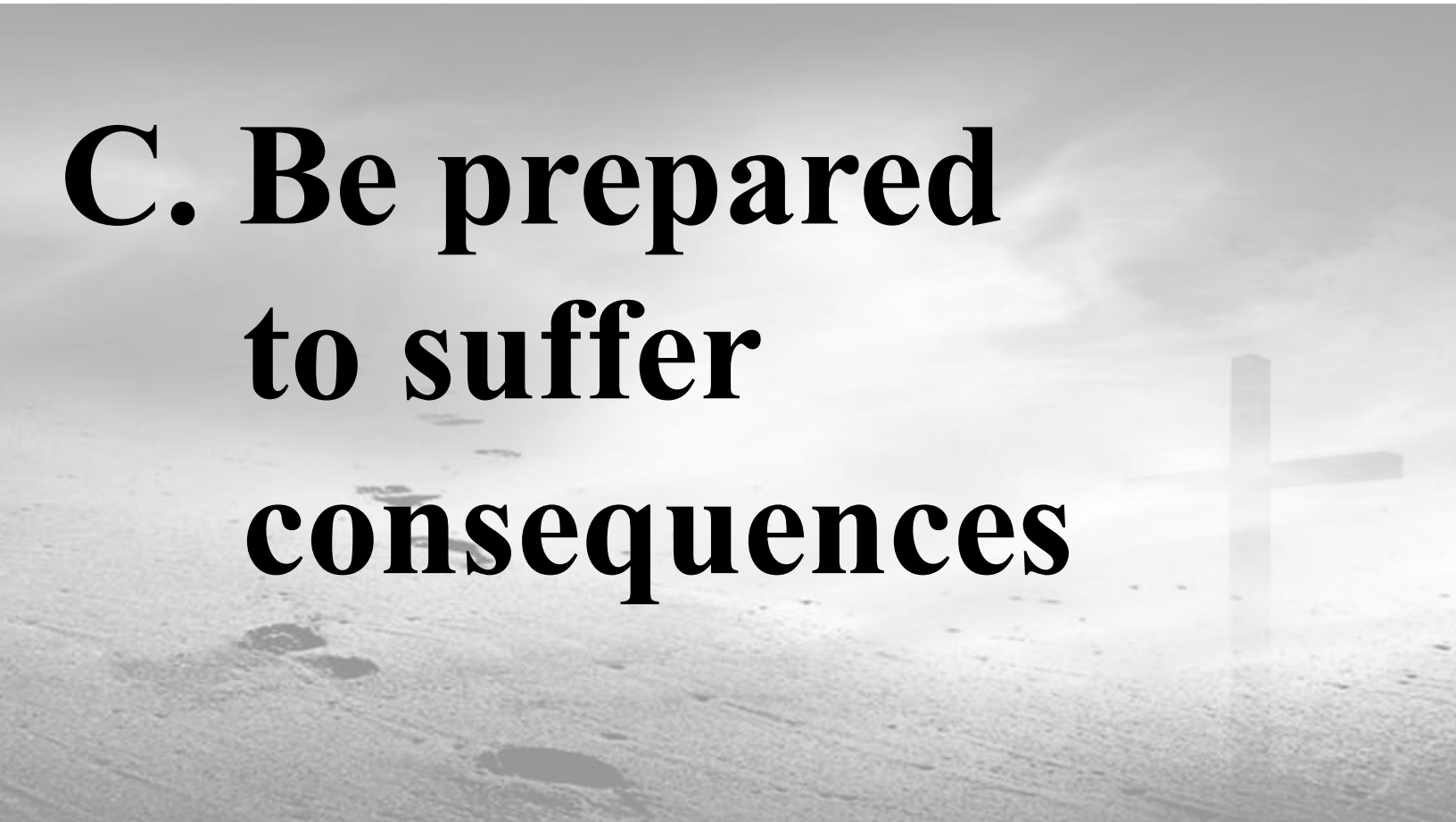
III. How to say no to the culture



A. Pick your battles carefully *Acts 5:29*



**B. Show respect for
authority *Acts 5:29***



**C. Be prepared
to suffer
consequences**



**IV. Do not expect
supernatural
deliverance**

**A. Daniel's friends
were ready either
way *Daniel 3:16-18***

**B. It is better to suffer
for doing good, than
for doing evil**

Daniel 3:16-18

**C. Suffering was the
only way for our
salvation**

Matthew 26:36-42

V. Prepare to stand

A. Know what you will stand for *Daniel 1:8*



**B. Do not wait until
the crisis to decide
what to stand for**



**C. Pray before you
stand**



Hymn #589
Here I Am, Lord

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