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⌘ A TEACHING SERIES ON THE BEATITUDES

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- *Matthew 5:11-12*

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to systematically organise a program
to oppress and harass people

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Meanwhile Saul, still breathing out threats to murder the Lord's disciples, went to the high priest and requested letters from him to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, either men or women, he could bring them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

- *Acts 9:1-2*

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As he was going along, approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”

- *Acts 9:3-4*

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So he said, “Who are you, Lord?”

He replied, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting!
But stand up and enter the city and you will be told
what you must do.”

- *Acts 9:5-6*

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“If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. However, because you do not belong to the world, but I chose you out of the world, for this reason the world hates you.”

- John 15:18-19

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“Remember what I told you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they obeyed my word, they will obey yours too. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know the one who sent me.”

- John 15:20-21

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“I have told you all these things so that you will not fall away. They will put you out of the synagogues, yet a time is coming when the one who kills you will think he is offering service to God.”

- John 16:1-2

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“They will do these things because they have not known the Father or me. But I have told you these things DEMO DEMO so that when their time comes, you will remember that I told you about them.”

- John 16:3-4

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You, however have followed my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, my faith, my patience, my love, my endurance, as well as the persecutions and sufferings that happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, and in Lystra.

- 2 Timothy 3:10-11a

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I endured these persecutions and the Lord delivered me from them all. Now, in fact, all who want to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

- 2 Timothy 3:11b-12

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NZ Safe Areas

- approaching a person to provide information about abortion services (unless part of the provision of services)
- approaching a person to attempt to dissuade them from accessing these services
- providing anti-abortion pamphlets or similar materials
- engaging in protest about matters relating to the provision of abortion services.

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Conversion Practice

- Any practice, sustained effort, or treatment that:
 - is directed towards an individual because of the individual's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and
 - is done with the intention of changing or suppressing the individual's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

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- using shame or coercion intending to give an individual an aversion to same-sex attractions or to encourage gender conforming behaviour
- encouraging an individual to believe that their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression needs changing because it is a defect or disorder:
- carrying out a prayer-based practice, a deliverance practice, or an exorcism intending to change or suppress an individual's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

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