

Snippets From KeyCom  
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Love Them Anyway

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Back in March of 2016 I wrote one of these 'Snippets' which asked the question, "Why The Hate?" It was in response to the Easter Sunday bombing of a park in Lahore, Pakistan which took the lives of many children. While there have been several instances of persecution against Christians in Pakistan since then, there has also been a huge change in attitudes. In the culture at large, violence against Christians is no longer acceptable. More and more people are questioning Islam and its intolerance of those who believe differently.

Unfortunately, this does not hold true in other parts of the world. In Nigeria, for example, persecution is on the rise. In this year alone, over 7,000 Christians have been killed, and over that number have been kidnapped by radical Muslim groups. Hundreds of church buildings have been desecrated or destroyed.

The events of the last few months have proven that we can no longer be confident of our own immunity here in the States. Whatever one's views of Charlie Kirk, his assassination and the attacks on various churches raises the question, "Who's next? Am I and/or the congregations I know in somebody's cross-hairs?" We need to think about and prepare for the eventuality.

It's tempting to "fight fire with fire" but that is not the way of Christ. The Apostle Peter writes, "For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly." (1 Peter 2:19-23 NIV)

However, we are not to merely passively endure suffering and persecution. Christ also calls us to preach the Gospel so that our persecutors may be saved. We will escape persecution not by destroying those who oppose us, but by bringing them into the Kingdom. It was after the persecutor Saul's conversion that the churches in Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace (Acts 9:31).

Now is not the time to hunker down, cowering in fear, wondering when the blow will fall. Instead, we need to demonstrate the love of Christ all the more clearly. We need to proclaim the Gospel all the more boldly.

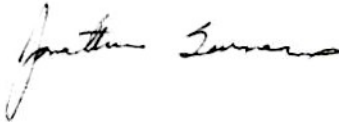
Last month I mentioned the global reach of the Gospel programs we produce in the Urdu language. We have listeners in over 130 countries. However, our ministry goes beyond

broadcasting. Saleem spent the last week at the Sialkot Christian Convention. While there he introduced well over 100 people to our website ([www.awazehaq.com](http://www.awazehaq.com)). He also distributed copies of the books we publish. One man stopped by the booth to thank Saleem for the books he picked up last year. The books have been a great help to this man in preparing his own Gospel messages. It's good to know that we have become a resource for others in their own efforts to spread the Gospel.

Based on the feedback Saleem is receiving, he and I will be discussing how we can expand the publishing side of our ministry. We hope to prepare additional resources not only to help people come to Christ, but also to help in their spiritual growth and development afterwards.

Thank you for your continued help in proclaiming Christ's message of love into places which are hostile to Christians. (Yes! We have a few listeners even in Nigeria and other African countries where Boko Haram, Fulani, ISIS-WA and other radical Muslim groups are causing havoc.) You are helping us change one life at a time.

Yours in the Name of Him who loved us and gave His life for us,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Turner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

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