

Series: The Testing of your Assurance

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 PM

1 Peter

HOW TO LIVE THROUGH SUFFERING:

IN A NON-CHRISTIAN WORLD *Series # 16*

Disabling the Obstacles of Hostility

May 5th , 2021 / 23 Iyar 5781

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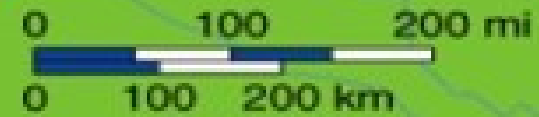
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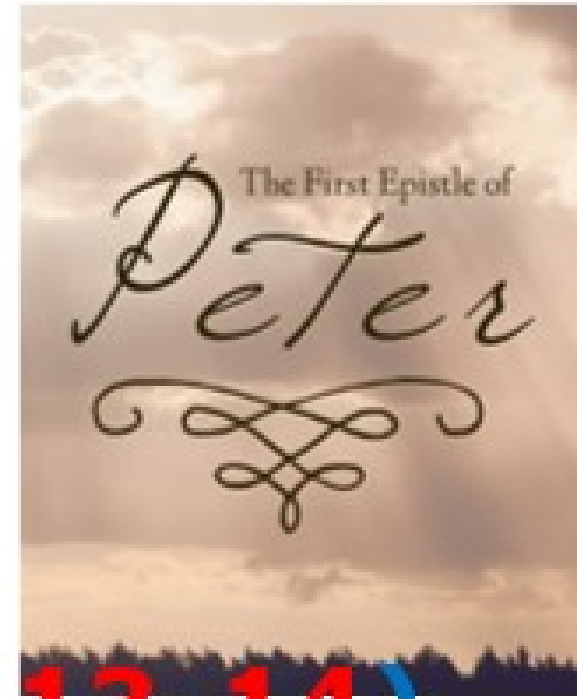


1 Peter 3:13

13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? **KJV**

1. Do what is right and good (v.13-14).

13 Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? **(ESV)**



1 Peter 3:14

14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; **KJV**

1. Do what is right and good (v.13-14).

14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, **(ESV)**



1 Peter 3:15

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: **KJV**

**2. Set your heart on Christ and the great hope He gives.
Readily answer and defend the hope of salvation (v.15).**

15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, **(ESV)**

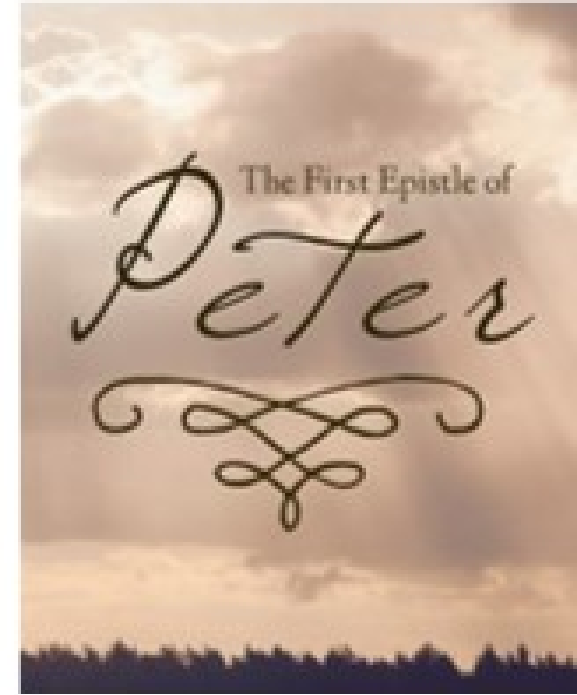


1 Peter 3:16

16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. **KJV**

3. Keep a good conscience (v.16-17).

16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. **(ESV)**

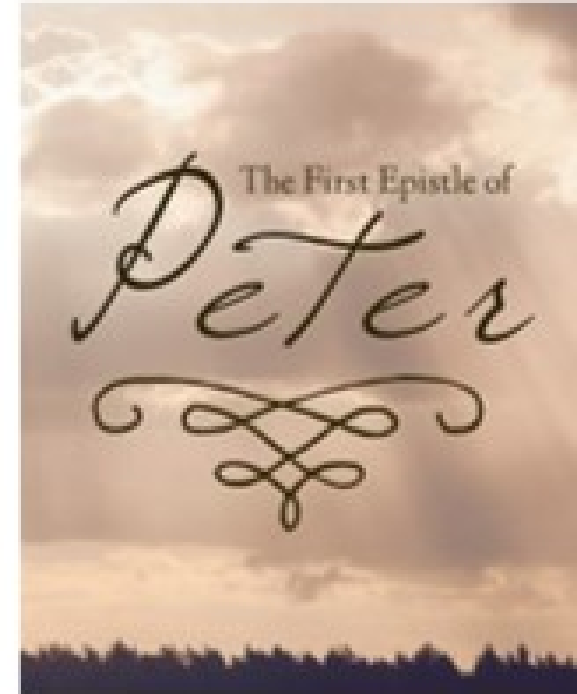


1 Peter 3:17

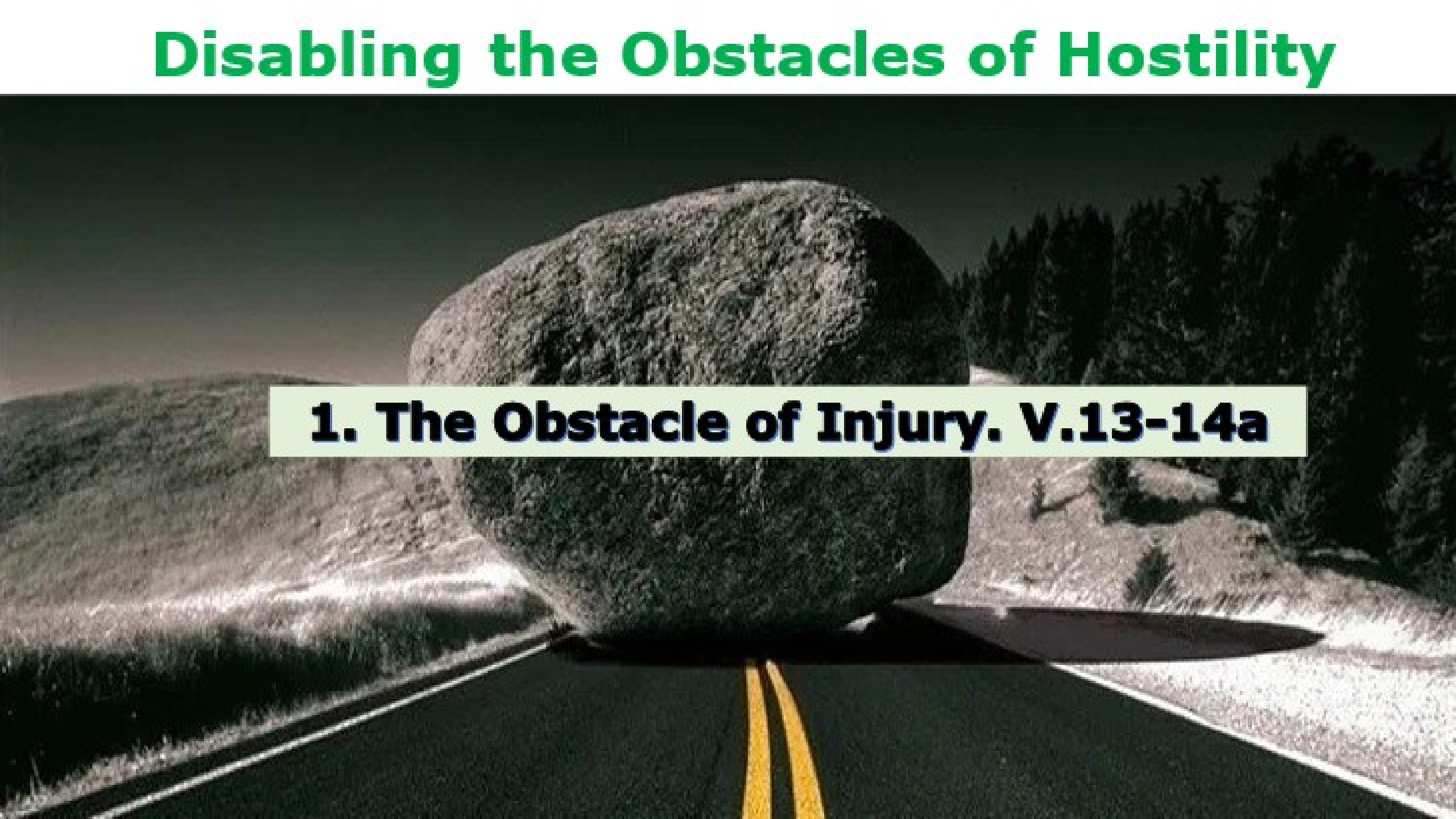
17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. **KJV**

3. Keep a good conscience (v.16-17).

17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. **(ESV)**



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1. The Obstacle of Injury. V.13-14a

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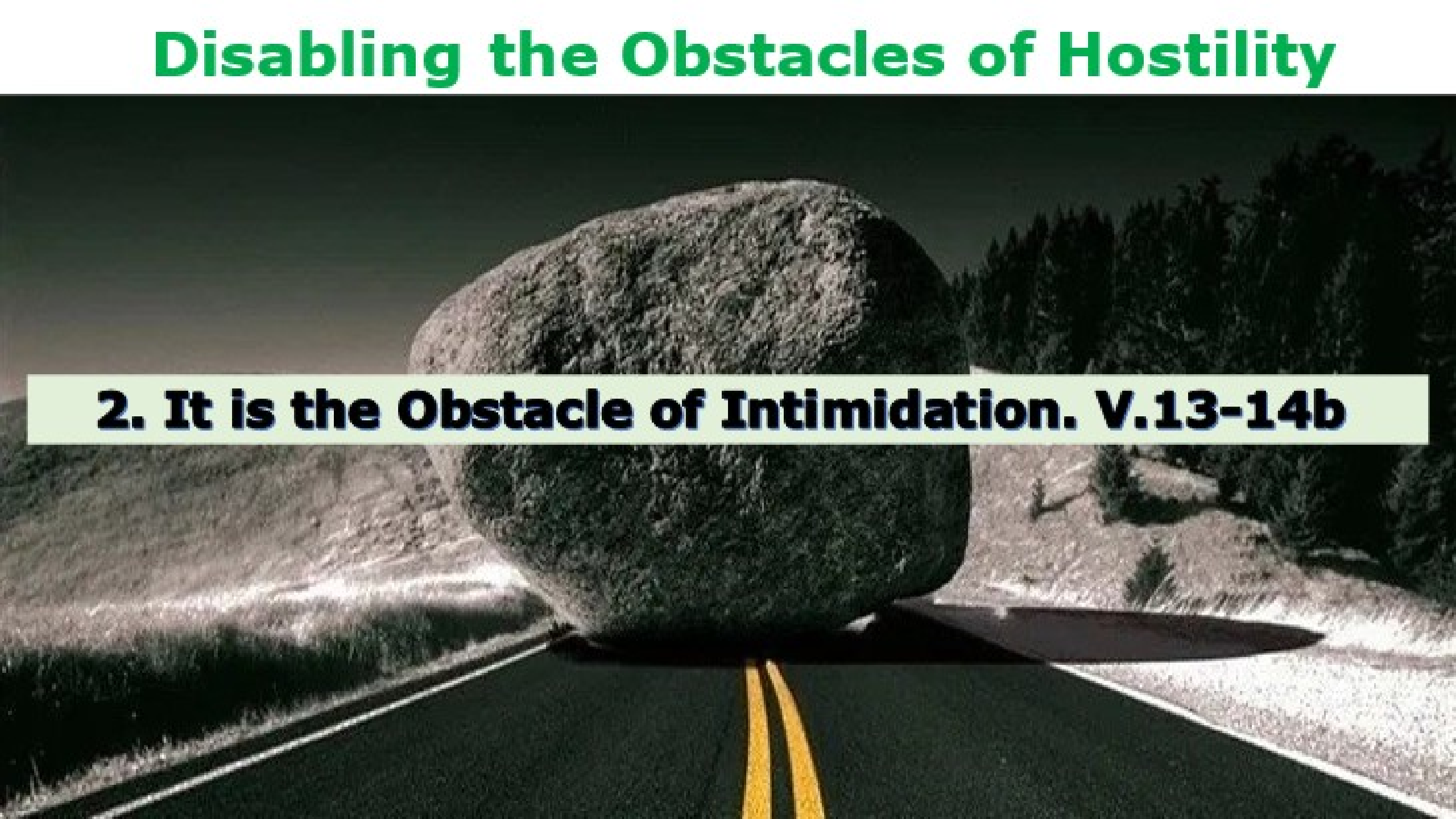
1. Suffering for the Sake of Righteousness

3:13-14a

And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? [14a] But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye....

1) Am I keeping an eternal perspective? **v.13-14a**

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2. It is the Obstacle of Intimidation. V.13-14b

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2. Stewing or Worrying Should be Shunned

3:14b

"... and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled."

2) Am I more affected by the fear of man or the love of Christ? **v.14b**

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3. The Obstacle of Illicit Behavior. V.15a



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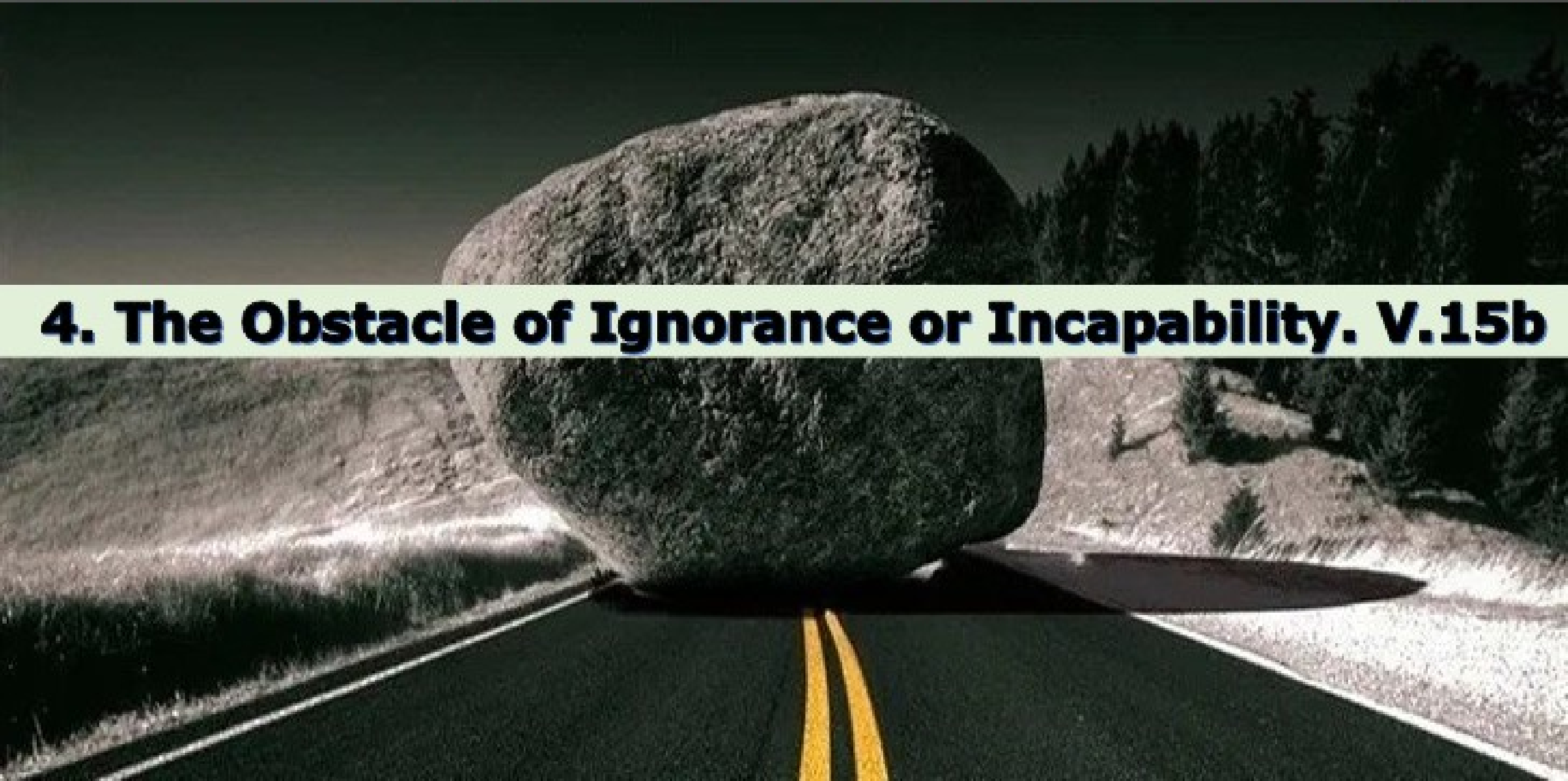
3. Sanctify the Lord as Your Master 3:15a

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:.....

3) Am I talking about Jesus with clarity and kindness? v.15

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4. The Obstacle of Ignorance or Incapability. V.15b



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4. Stand Ready to Give a Witness for Christ **3:15b**

"... be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

3) Am I talking about Jesus with clarity and kindness? v.15

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5. The Obstacle of Insults and Impediments. v.16

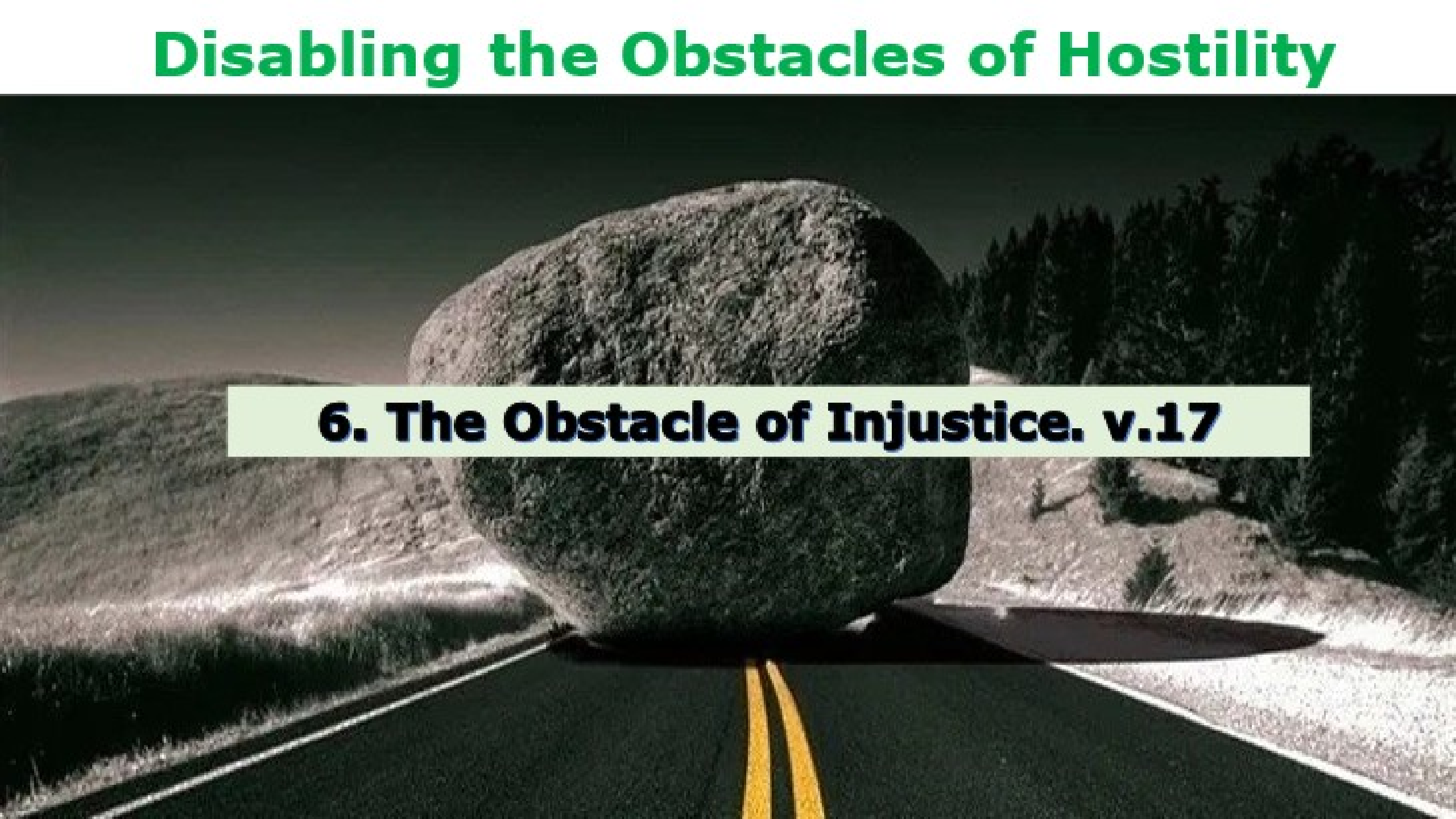
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5. Shame Your Accusers by Having a Clear Conscience and Godly Life 3:16

Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ,

4) Am I building a reputation that is honorable? v.16

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6. The Obstacle of Injustice. v.17

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6. Be Sensitive and Surrendered to the Will of God 3:17

For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

5) Am I really suffering for righteousness? v.17

Ways to Keep an Eternal Perspective

- 1. First, make a choice to be in the Bible first thing in the morning!**
- 2. Spend more time in prayer!**
- 3. Be thankful.**
- 4. Sing praise to God!**
- 5. Listen to uplifting music. Music provides us with pleasure**
- 6. Don't watch the news or read news stories all day!**

Ways to Keep an Eternal Perspective

7. Keep a regular schedule

8. Get outside every day if you can.

9. Get exercise!

10. Pour into your family and make memories together

11. Reach out to others.

12. Find things to laugh about.

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