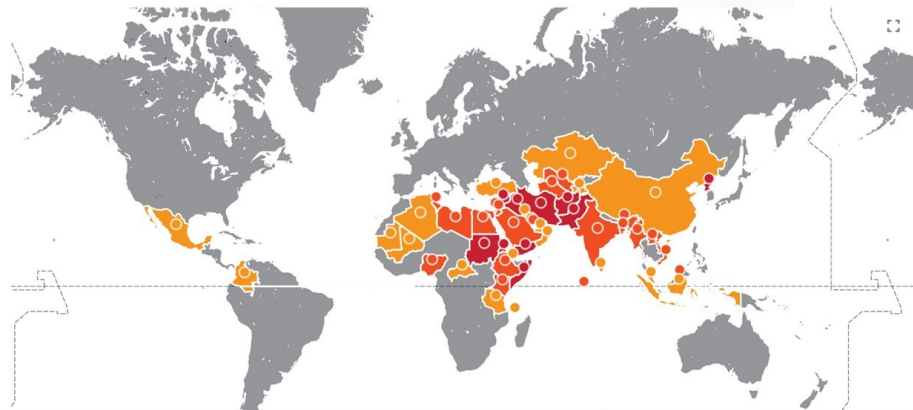


## Pray for the Persecuted Church

World Watch List 2017



**Acts 7:54-59** What have you done that would make Jesus \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?

God doesn't cause everything to happen, but He can use  
\_\_\_\_\_ for his glory and our good. God has a unique  
ability to redeem situations.

Does your faith cost you anything? It cost Jesus everything!

If I was the only believer on earth today, when I died would  
Christianity \_\_\_\_\_ with me?

**Acts 8:4** But the believers who were scattered preached the  
\_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus wherever they went.

What you \_\_\_\_\_ becomes \_\_\_\_\_!

## ACT NORMAL

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A Persecuted Church

July 14, 2019

### Series Schedule

#### **ACT NORMAL**

A Praying Church

A Supernatural Church

A Spiritual Community

A Persecuted Church

Premise: What if we took away everything we knew about the church –as an organization, history, culture, etc. - and we just looked at the book of Acts as a blueprint for what the church of Jesus Christ should be like. What would it look like? What does a “normal” church look like?

#### **Persecution in the Book of Acts:**

4:3-22, 5:17-42, 6:8-8:1, 8:3, 9:2, 9:23-24, 20:19, 23:12-14, 12:1-5,  
13:44-51, 14:5-6, 14:19-20, 16:16-24, 17:1-15, 18:12-17, 19:23-  
41, 19:27-28:30:

#### **Acts 20:22**

And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don't know what awaits me, 23 except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead. 24 But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the \_\_\_\_\_ about the wonderful grace of God.

#### **What is Christian persecution?**

Any hostility experienced from the world as a result of one's identification as a Christian:

Beatings, physical torture, confinement, isolation, rape, severe punishment, imprisonment, slavery, discrimination in education and employment, and even death are just a few examples of the persecution they experience on a daily basis.