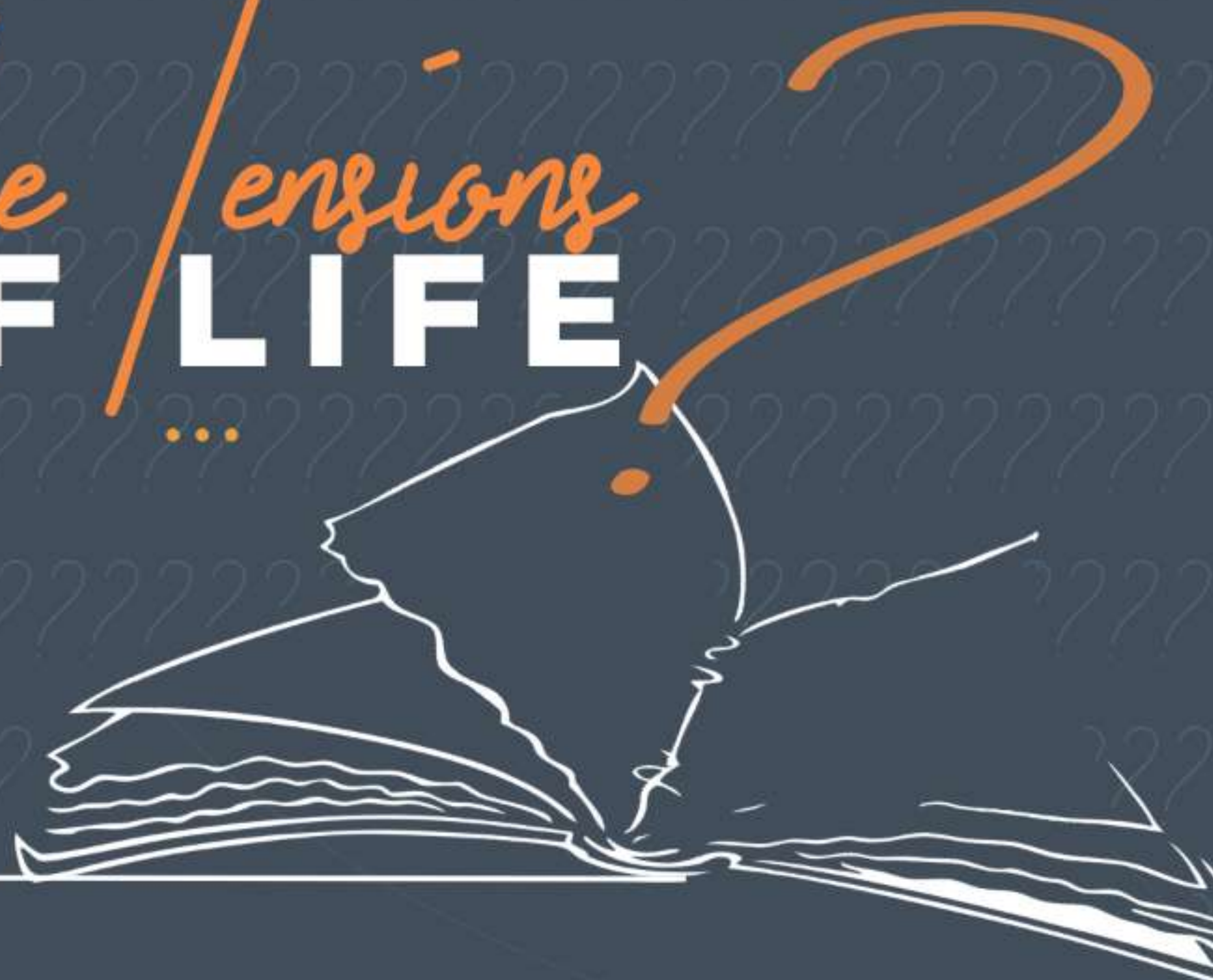


The Tensions OF LIFE

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WHAT TO DO WHEN MY LIFE EXPERIENCES DON'T SEEM TO MATCH WHAT THE BIBLE IS TELLING ME



**Our world is filled with
wicked abusers.**



The Wickedness of Abuse

Psalm 129



God **hates** abusive men
even more than we do.

BE **HONEST** ABOUT YOUR PAIN

A. Wicked abuse is frequent

**“Lord, how they have increased
who trouble me! Many are they
who rise up against me.”**

Psalm 3:1

“Save me from **all those who persecute me**; and deliver me,
Lest they tear me like a lion.”

Psalm 7:1-2

**“Be merciful to me, O God, for
man would swallow me up.”**

Psalm 56:1-2

BE **HONEST** ABOUT YOUR PAIN

A. Wicked abuse is frequent

B. Wicked abuse is frightening

“It were better that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.”

Luke 17:2

BE **HONEST** ABOUT YOUR PAIN

A. Wicked abuse is frequent

B. Wicked abuse is frightening

C. Wicked abuse produces furrowing scars

1. *“The plowers plowed upon my back”* (Psalm 129:3a)

2. *“They made long their furrows”* (Psalm 129:3b)

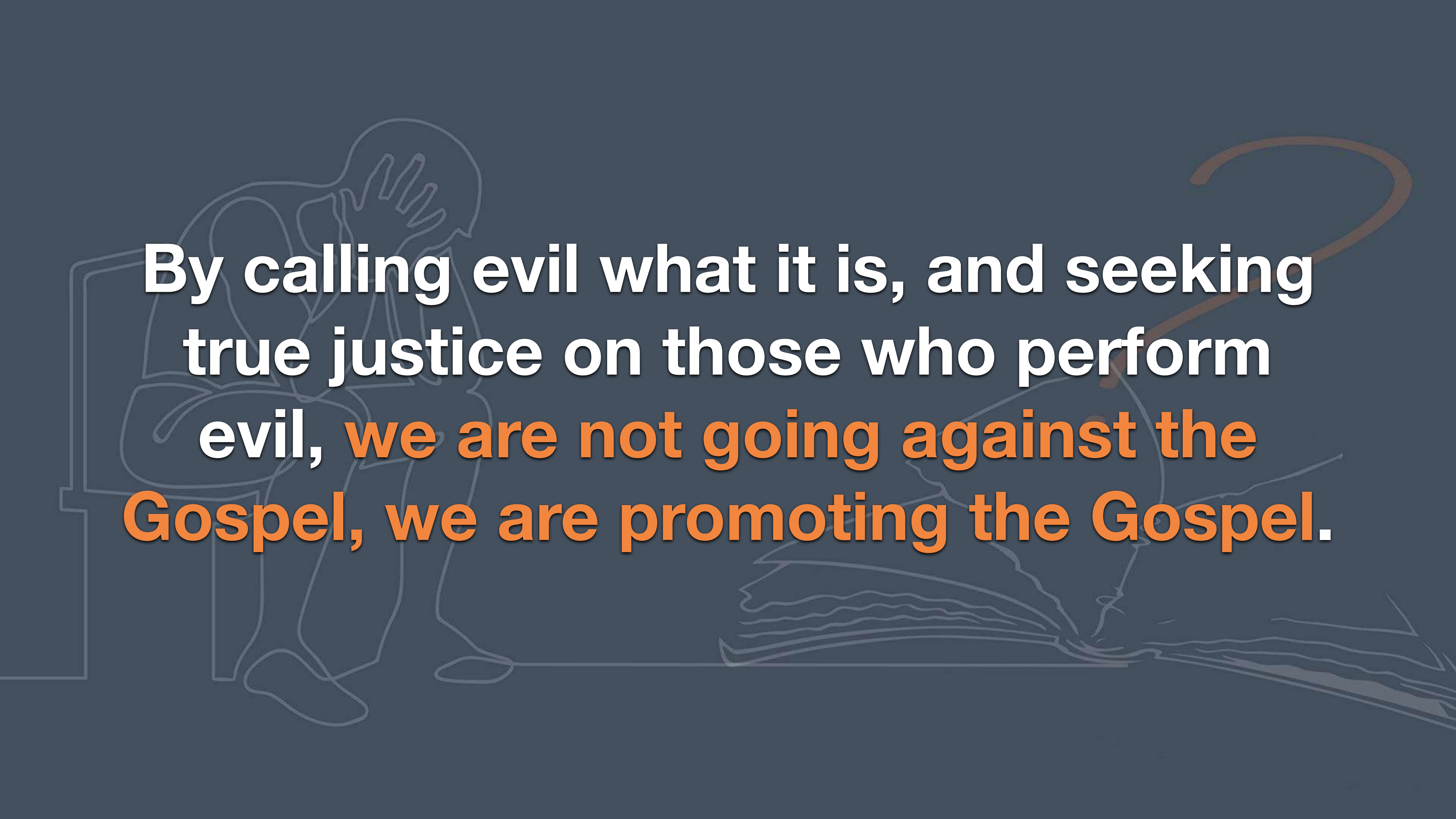
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BE **HUNGRY** IN YOUR PLEA FOR JUSTICE

A. Pray that your abusers be turned in their shame
(Psalm 129:5)

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By calling evil what it is, and seeking true justice on those who perform evil, we are not going against the Gospel, we are promoting the Gospel.

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**“Therefore faith concludes that,
however proudly the enemy may
bear himself, God will certainly visit
him with utter ruin.”**

F.B. Meyer

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“Though the wicked spring
up like grass and evildoers
flourish, **they will be
destroyed.**”

Psalm 92:7



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Psalm 129

BE **HUMBLY** CLINGING TO GOD'S PATH

A. There is a declaration pronounced from the Almighty

- *“Yet they have not prevailed against me”* (Psalm 129:1b)

BE **HUMBLY** CLINGING TO GOD'S PATH

A. There is a declaration pronounced from the Almighty

B. There is a deliverance promised by the Almighty

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.”

2 Corinthians 4:8-10

“They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you.”

Jeremiah 1:19

**“In the world ye shall have tribulation: but
be of good cheer; I have overcome the
world.”**

John 16:33

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