

# WHEN FAITH & CULTURE COLLIDE

## Part 1: Defining Reality

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### INTRODUCTION

Every generation has witnessed events they could not have imagined. While we've seen unfathomable progress, we have also seen incredible wounding and division. Sometimes it seems that the mess of life and the chaos in our culture keep us in a constant state of weariness. And this can also wear on our faith. How can we find peace and rest within a world that is constantly stirred up and changing?

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### LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

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1. What is something you thought you'd never see in your lifetime? Has this had a positive or negative impact on your life?
2. Research suggests that only 10% of young adults are resilient followers of Christ. What do you think has caused this downshift in our society? What do you think might change the numbers?
3. Do you feel it is a battle to stay faithful to Jesus and to keep following Him? What is it that makes it hard to stay faithful? What things in your life help keep you motivated to fight the good fight of faith?
4. Paul tells us in Ephesian 6 that "we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world." How does this impact how you fight your daily battles and with whom you fight? Could this knowledge impact any of your current relationships?
5. Think about this statement: Your level of disappointment is directly proportional to your level of expectations. What emotion does that stir in you? How does it impact your thinking in both positive and negative ways.

### THIS WEEK

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What expectations do you need to release this week?

"In this world **you will have** trouble."

John 16:33