

# Overcoming Opposition

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### B. Evangelism truths by which to live...

1. Sometimes God brings special people into our lives to encourage us.
2. Even if we have a full-time job, we must still make time to tell people about Jesus.
3. There will always be some resistance.
4. Sometimes we will have to change our focus.
5. The Lord always has his own who will respond.

### C. REASSURANCE. 18:9-11

1. Method of communication. 18:9a
2. Content of communication. 18:9b-10
  - a. Stop fearing.
  - b. Keep speaking.
  - c. Divine presence.
  - d. Immunity from injury.

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3. Response to communication. 18:11

### D. Reassurance truths by which to live...

1. Even the greatest missionaries become fearful.
2. We must decide not to be fearful.
3. We must not quit telling the Good News.
4. The Lord will be with us.
5. No one can harm us beyond His control.
6. He has many people yet to be saved.

### E. OPPOSITION. 18:12-17

1. The time. 18:12a
2. The instigators. 18:12b
3. The form. 18:12c
4. The content. 18:13
5. The refusal of Gallio. 18:14-16
6. The reaction of Corinthian citizens. 18:17

### F. Opposition truths by which to live...

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2. Sometimes God will use a secular government to protect us.
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4. What are you doing to spread the Good News?

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