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Matthew 10:17-20 NLT

¹⁷ But beware! For you will be handed over to the courts and will be flogged with whips in the synagogues.

¹⁸ You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell the rulers and other unbelievers about me.

¹⁹ When you are arrested, don't worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time.

²⁰ For it is not you who will be speaking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

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Fear makes us grasp for control.
Faith allows us to release control.

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John 15:19-20 NLT

¹⁹ The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you.

²⁰ Do you remember what I told you? 'A slave is not greater than the master.' Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you.

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Rejection threatens our identity, but
“In Christ,” our identity is secure.

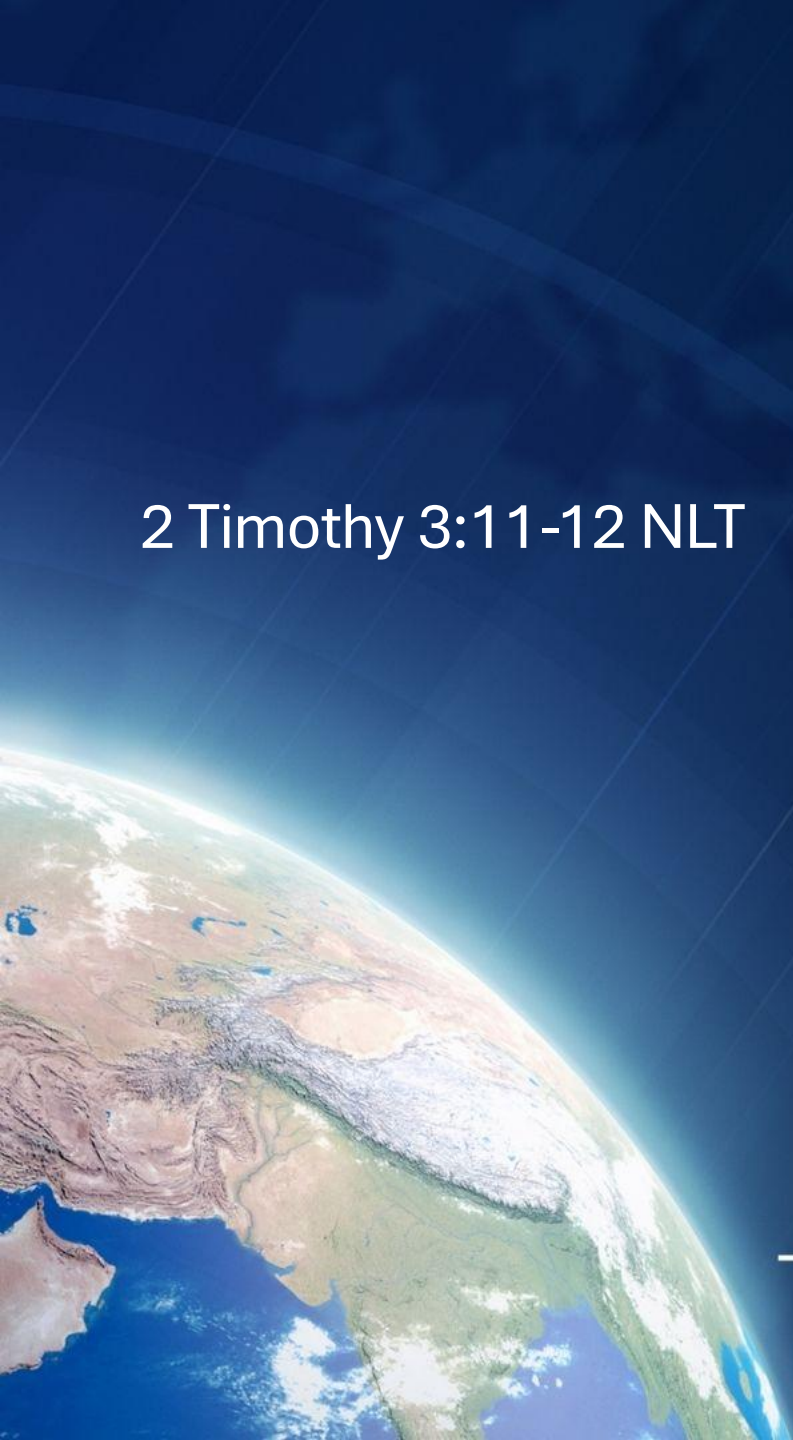
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2 Timothy 3:11-12 NLT

¹¹ You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra—but the Lord rescued me from all of it.

¹² Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

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Believers are not to escape the world or become like it, but to live as witnesses within it.

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1 Peter 4:12-14 NLT

¹² Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you.

¹³ Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.

¹⁴ If you are insulted because you bear the name of Christ, you will be blessed, for the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you.

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cross, and the model for our hope is the
Resurrection!

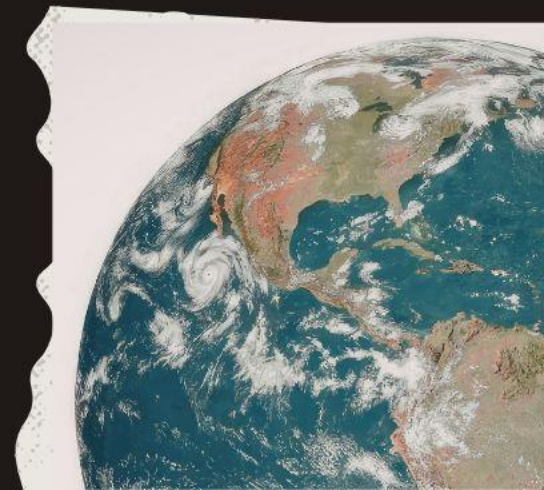
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The 5 “Natural” Human Reactions

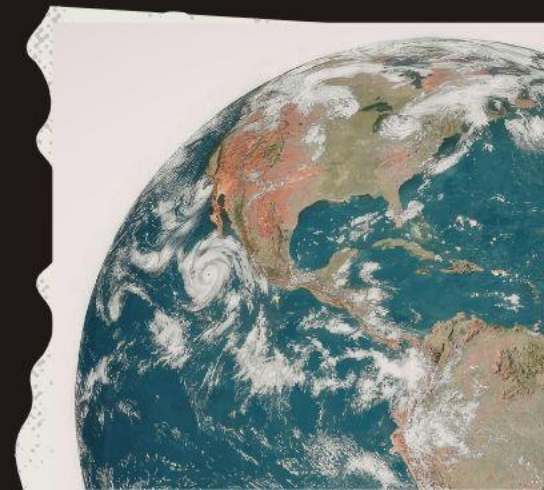
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The 5 “Natural” Human Reactions

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Jesus offers a 6th: ***Faithfulness!***

