American culture is rapidly changing. At one time you could easily declare that we are a Christian nation. Today, sadly, that is no longer the case. Many in America no longer claim faith in any sort of deity. With those changes has come persecution against Jesus and His followers. How do we Christ followers adapt? How do we respond to persecution? We do so by standing upstream.

Standing Upstream

Acts 3 & Joshua 24:14-15

(Ephesians 2:4-6)

(Page 760 in the Pew Bible)

* Historically, following Christ is not a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith
  + From the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christ followers have faced persecution
  + It is our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to face persecution today
* Facing persecution is worth it because Jesus provides \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* As Christ followers we must choose to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_