



Sermon series: Visions of Hope  
Text: Zechariah 1:18-2:13  
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## **Opposition Ahead**

**Big Idea: God calls his people to press on in the face of opposition.**

**God's people should \_\_\_\_\_ in this life. (1:18-21)**

### **Seven Things We Should Know When We Face Opposition. (2:1-13)**

1. God's plans exceed our \_\_\_\_\_. (Vs. 1-4)
2. God will \_\_\_\_\_ His people through opposition. (vs. 5; Romans 8:36-37)
3. God's glory is better than our \_\_\_\_\_. (Vs.5-8; 2 Corinthians 4:17)
4. God can bring about incredible reversals in an \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 9)
5. God's love for His people is \_\_\_\_\_. (vs.8)
6. God is playing the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 11)
7. God is \_\_\_\_\_ His church and overcoming all \_\_\_\_\_.

### **One Thing We Need to See When We Face Opposition. (John 1:14; Hebrews 12:1-2)**

**Opposition can't \_\_\_\_\_ God's plan because  
opposition is \_\_\_\_\_ of God's plan.**

*What's an area in your life where you set out to do something or accomplish some goal only to face opposition and challenges along the way? What was your response to that opposition?*

*What are your expectations for what it means to be a follower of Jesus in this life? How do you expect following Jesus will have an impact on your life?*

*Where do you most feel a type of cultural opposition to Christianity? Have you encountered this first hand in your relationships or conversations with other people?*



*What are some ways you have experienced opposition as you have sought to obey God in your life? What was your response to that opposition?*

*Which of the seven things we should know when we face opposition is most encouraging and hope giving to you?*

- *Which of them is the most challenging or difficult to believe?*

*Share a specific area or your life where you are facing opposition, challenge, or difficulty right now as you seek to love, trust, and obey Jesus? How might you apply some of these things to your own opposition? If you are in a CARE Group, take a moment to pray for each other after sharing.*

*What are some of the impacts that knowing Jesus and believing the gospel should have on you when you face opposition?*

*Do you believe all the opposition we face is part of God's plan for us? What difference could that make when we face challenges and struggles in our lives?*

*Think of some other Bible stories (outside of Paul and Silas) where people faced opposition. How did they respond to opposition? What enabled them to respond in that way?*