

WEIRD IS BETTER

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IF YOU WANT WHAT NORMAL PEOPLE HAVE, DO WHAT NORMAL PEOPLE DO. BUT IF YOU WANT WHAT FEW PEOPLE HAVE, DO WHAT FEW PEOPLE DO... GET _____.

"...Be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:16

"HOLY" = To be pure, to set apart, to be _____.

Passion for your house has consumed me, and the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me. When I weep and fast, they scoff at me. When I dress in burlap to show sorrow, they make fun of me. I am the favorite topic of town gossip, and all the drunks sing about me.
Psalm 69:9-12

RESIST THE CONSTANT PRESSURE TO CONFORM TO THE NORM

1) THE INWARD PRESSURE: THE NEED TO _____.

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. Proverbs 29:25

2) THE OUTWARD PRESSURE: _____.

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you... If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also..."
John 15:18-20

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven..."
Matthew 5:10-12

• I CAN'T PLEASE EVERYONE, BUT I CAN PLEASE _____.

For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people...
1 Thessalonians 2:4

QUESTIONS FOR HEART GROUPS

1. In what ways have you been insulted or made fun of because of your faith in Christ? How did you react when it happened?
2. How consumed are you with what people think about you? How has that influenced your actions?
3. How can being criticized for your faith be good for your relationship with Christ?
4. What are some of the blessings you have experienced as a result of your pleasing God?

