

# (Clip) Being Truthful Does Not Equal Popularity

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**Scripture:** Matthew 5:11, Jeremiah 1:7, Luke 6:26, John 15:18, 1 Peter 4:14

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## Transcript

You end up in these situations where you go, why didn't I say something? I knew that guy. You know what, I'm not talking about anybody. I'm just thinking other situations where you knew something was wrong and why didn't you say something? Why don't you shoot straight? This is the generation that is obsessed with popularity and you can't be popular and be a prophet.

You can be a false prophet. I mean, Jesus says, woe to you when all men speak well of you because that's how they treated the false prophets. But blessed are you when people hate you.

You know, when they accuse you falsely because that's the way they treat the prophet. We just got done reading the book of Jeremiah in our church. Read through the book of Jeremiah.

Man, we're just sitting there going, man, everyone, literally everyone hates me. Yet even the church, we value people by the number of followers. You want to invite Jeremiah to this? You know, he didn't have any followers.

And yet you read the things this guy had to say. And I read Jeremiah, that's one of my favorite books of the Bible now. I love it, the depth.

And I say this because I believe very much that Jesus had a pattern of how he lived his life and how he dug deep in people's lives and he had people following him around 24-7. It was a life of sacrifice. It was a life of suffering.

He could have very easily been loved if he wasn't truthful.

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