



Title | A Corroborating Witness  
Series | NOW I SEE  
Text | John 15:18-16:4  
By | Bob Kerrey  
Date | September 30, 2018

---

# Sermon Notes

**John 15:18** "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. **19** If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. **20** Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. **21** But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. **22** If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. **23** Whoever hates me hates my Father also. **24** If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. **25** But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated me without a cause.' **26** But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. **27** And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. **16:1** I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. **2** They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. **3** And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. **4** But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you." *ESV*

## Big Idea:

Text questions during the sermon: 623-850-8809

### John 15:26-27

But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, . . . *ESV*

## For Reflection & Application:

### Monday:

According to Jesus, what are some positive outcomes we can expect when we obey his command to love one another as he loved us? (See John 13:35; 14:12, 13, 23.)

### Tuesday:

Read John 15:18-16:4. According to Jesus, what are some negative outcomes we can expect when we obey his command to love? How do you reconcile this with the positive outcomes? Why is it important for Jesus to include the negatives?

### Wednesday:

In John 15:23, Jesus says, "Whoever hates me hates my Father also (ESV)." This is Jesus's way of saying, "you cannot diminish me without diminishing the Father because we are one and the same God." What does this suggest about every worldview or way of thinking that diminishes Jesus?

### Thursday:

Reread John 15:26-27. In what way is this a silver lining? When we stand before a hostile world as loving witnesses for Christ, what does the Holy Spirit do? Why is this important?

### Friday:

Read Acts 6:8-7:60. From this text, note all the places where Stephen shows Christlikeness and obedience in what he says and does. Note all the places where you see possible evidence of the Spirit as a corroborating witness. And note the different ways in which Stephen is persecuted. Considering Stephen's apparent impact on Paul (compare Acts 7:58 and Acts 22:20) was Stephen's death a waste? Why or why not?

### Daily Prayer:

Lord, when we stand before a hostile world, help us to be loving witnesses for you. And when we do speak for you, thank you that the Spirit is our corroborating witness. And thank you that this dual witness is never wasted. Amen.