

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

Some of the most fruitful ministry I've ever had took place in the context of opposition. Some years ago I spoke at an evangelistic outreach on the campus of a well-known university in the Northeast. When some of the students heard about the nature of the meeting, they got angry. They tried to cancel the meetings, and it was great! It was absolutely wonderful. I didn't think so at the time, but looking back it gave us more publicity than we could have ever paid for. In fact, the meetings were standing room only, and many people gave their lives to Jesus Christ.

Who ever said ministry would be easy and doing the will of God would be a cakewalk? In fact, we should *expect* to be opposed. That's the nature of ministry.

That's what 2 Thessalonians chapter 3, verses 1 through 3, is all about. Listen to these words; “Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified just as it did also with you, and that we may be delivered from perverse and evil men. For not all have faith. For the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.”

There are three perspectives here to hold on to in terms of handling opposition. Number one; we need to pray. Number two; we need to understand that we will be opposed. Then, number three; we must trust in God's provision and His protection. He's greater than any opposition we will face. God is in control and if we're doing what God has told us to do then we can expect His provision and power to see us through.

Here's what I want you to remember today. The enemy and his allies get very upset when we do the will of God. Brace yourself, but keep moving.