

When Others Hurt You

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. . . *“The years of my sojourning are one hundred and thirty . . .”* Genesis 47:9a
(New American Standard Bible)

Instruction #1: When hurt by others, turn to God for help.

I call on the Lord in my distress, and he answers me. Save me, LORD, from lying lips and from deceitful tongues. Psalm 120:1-2 (New International Version)

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, . . . Psalm 62:8a (NIV)

. . . *David was greatly distressed . . . But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.*
1 Samuel 30:6 (NASB)

At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me . . . ¹⁷But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength . . . 2 Timothy 4:16, 17 (NIV)

They were all trying to frighten us, . . . But I prayed, “Now strengthen my hands.”
Nehemiah 6:9 (NIV)

Instruction #2: Leave retaliation in God's Hands.

What will he do to you, and what more besides, O deceitful tongue? ⁴He will punish you with a warrior's sharp arrows, with burning coals of the broom tree. Psalm 120:3-4 (NIV)

(See Psalm 64:7 and 11:6)

God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. 2 Thessalonians 1:6-7 (NIV)

And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you." Hebrews 12:5 (NIV)

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Galatians 6:7 (NIV)

Instruction #3: Do the right thing, regardless of what others do.

Woe to me that I dwell in Meshech, that I live among the tents of Kedar! Too long have I lived among those who hate peace. I am a man of peace; but when I speak, they are for war. Psalm 120:5-7 (NIV)

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; . . . Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 1 Peter 2:23 (NIV)