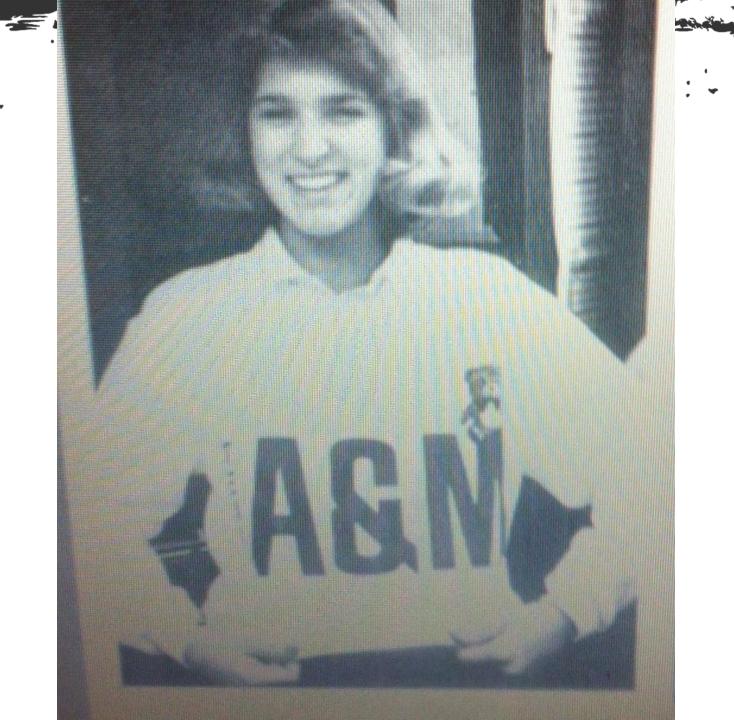
### Become Hated & Helped

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John 15:18~25



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#### John 15:18

#### New American Standard Bible

<sup>18</sup> "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you.



- ♦ Christ openly teaches a day of persecution for His followers
- ♦ Who hates Christ's followers?
- ◆ The world = Everything and everyone that is separated from and opposed to God



### John 15:18~21 New American Standard Bible

18" If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

#### John 15:18~21

#### New American Standard Bible

<sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. <sup>21</sup> But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me.

- Why does the world hate us?
- We are identified with Christ and they hated Him
- ♦ We are the collective conscience of the world
- ♦ Satan is their master
- They are blind and in bondage to sin
- We are aliens
- How were the disciples hated?



#### I John 2:15

#### New American Standard Bible

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.



- ♦ Why spend so much on the world when they hate us?
- Who do you love?
- Who do you want to love you?
- ♦ We just don't fit ~ Do you?



#### John 15:22~25

#### New American Standard Bible

<sup>22</sup> If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup> He who hates Me hates My Father also. <sup>24</sup> If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well. <sup>25</sup> But *they have done this* to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, 'THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.'



- ♦ Excuse = Cloak; their sinfulness is exposed
- ♦ Let's not make excuses for them!
- ♦ How does the world justify their sins?
- How do you justify your sins?
- ♦ We offend them because they are in the power of the evil one and don't care to know it

- ♦ Verse 25 ~ Fulfills Psalm 69:4
- ♦ God planned that they would hate Him without cause
- God's plans include using sin for His glorious purposes
- ♦ A GREAT God who is BIG and GOOD



- Verse 23 is the key!
- ♦ It's all about how you are responding to Christ!
- ◆ The Christ of Scripture



- Only 2 applications:
- ♦ 1~ Are you following Christ so closely that you are risking the hatred of the world?
- Or are you flirting with it and craving the love of the world?

- ♦ 2 ~ We are all without excuse
- We naturally hate God without cause
- ♦ Christ's whole mission was to come and undo that!

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  - \*Beginning Monday, May 21 @ 9:30 AM
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