

**To Your Advantage  
John 16:1-15**

**I. Hardship is to your advantage John 16:1-4**

**A. Don't lose your way in your hardship (1,2)**

**1 "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. 2 They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.**

**B. Persecution comes because of lack of insight. (3,4)**

**3 And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. 4 But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. "And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.**

**II. Loss is for your advantage John 16:5-15**

**A. Don't lose heart when I leave**

**5 "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.**

**B. The loss of Jesus is for our advantage (7)**

**7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.**

**C. The work of the Holy Spirit in the world (8-10)**

**8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.**

**D. The work of the Holy Spirit in the church 12-15**

**12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.**

**Conclusion**

1. The hardship we face is for our advantage to ground us in the faith.
2. The loss of Christ came as a gift to the world to save and a gift to the church to guide.