



“And now I am no more in the world,
but these are in the world...” (John 17:11).

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HOW A REFUGEE SHOULD BEHAVE

Majeda Khouri became a refugee from Syria in 2017 after speaking out against the regime of Syrian president Bashar al-Assad. She has made her home in London for now, arranging for her children to be reunited with her from Syria. But rather than adhere to the expectations she feels about what people think a refugee “should” be, she has remained outspoken about her nation’s situation and has become a business owner, opening a catering business. She even catered an event at which she herself gave a speech. The mayor of London expressed surprise at this, and Majeda said, “Yes, I can talk *and* I can cook!”

HOW A LOCAL BOY SHOULD BEHAVE

Early in Jesus’ ministry, He returned with His disciples to Nazareth and taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath. But the locals who had seen Him grow up wondered where these miracles and this wisdom had come from. They had formed their opinions about Him, and they had trouble seeing Him as something He had never been in their eyes.

1. What have other people expected you to be that you are not?
2. Who do you know who has broken the mold and defied expectations? How were that person’s actions received?
3. Why were the people in Nazareth dismissive of Jesus when He returned to His hometown?

Additional Resources

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