

MISSION MINDSET Matthew 10:24-33

*REVIEW

- Jesus had previously spoken of expected adversity and opposition because of their association with Jesus.
- They will be arrested, handed over to the governing leaders, brought before courts, beaten, betrayed by close relationships, hated, and more.
- **Jesus now puts it all in context. Jesus was preparing His disciples for the reality of opposition, adversity, and even persecution in their mission on His behalf.**

***MESSAGE THEME:** *A kingdom mission mindset is foundational for His followers.*

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*Disciple/Servant and Jesus

- Jesus begins by stating a fundamental reality of the Christian life: “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.”
- We often mistake Christianity for a path to personal fulfillment or a way to improve our standing in the world.

*Jesus’ Treatment – Our Reality

- If the world hated your Master, they will hate you. If they called the One who is the Truth itself “Beelzebub” (“lord of flies,” a contemptuous term for a prince of demons), what do you expect them to call you?

- **To be a Christian is to sign up for the same conflict that defined the life of Christ.**
- We must not expect the world to applaud Jesus' truth and values that we assign ourselves to!
 - when we affirm the binary nature of gender,
 - the sanctity of life,
 - the deserved Lordship of Jesus Christ in people's lives,
 - God's Scriptures are truth, not just our truth, but absolute and eternal truth,
 - There is no other way to God but through Jesus Christ,
 - **We are not just sharing opinions; we are identifying ourselves with our Master, Jesus Christ, His truth, and what He stands for.**
 - And in doing so, we are marking ourselves as enemies to the ruler of this world.

***SUMMARY:** As a disciple, a devoted follower of Jesus Christ, you must expect adversity in your identification and association with Him.

***LIVE WITH NO FEAR (vss. 26-27)**

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***Confidence in the Truth**

- "Therefore, do not be afraid" **is grammatically set as an imperative, a command!**
- There is no need to fear adversaries because you are a purveyor of truth, and all truth will be revealed as truth.
- **What might be hidden to those outside of the truth will be made known to them and all, eventually.**
- Jesus is saying that you can be confident because you know the truth, there is no need to fear; in fact, you are commanded not to fear!

***Fearless Proclamation**

- Jesus commands: *"What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops."*
- **The time of "darkness" when Jesus' teaching was "whispered in your ears" refers to his private instruction of the disciples.**
- **In the first century, important public announcements were given from the flat rooftops.**
- They are to "preach on the house tops."
 - **They are to be bold, fearless proclaimers of God's truth.**

***Bold Proclamation**

- There is an urgency to the Gospel that forbids secret discipleship.
- They were not to be “underground” Christians hiding their convictions because of fearing societal backlash.
- We are to proclaim the truth courageously.
- The secular humanists and progressive liberals want to relegate our faith to the private sphere, but Christ mandates the public square.
 - We are to be the salt that stings the wound of a decaying culture.
 - We are to be the light that can blind those in the darkness.

***SUMMARY:** God’s truth is absolute and will prevail and be made known to all; so be fearless and bold witnesses.

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***Godly Fear**

- Jesus had just commanded His disciples not to fear mankind.
- The greatest tool in the enemy’s arsenal is fear, especially the fear of man.
 - We fear losing our jobs,
 - losing meaningful relationships,
 - our reputation,
 - being “canceled,”
 - social ostracization.
- Jesus dismantles this fear with clarifying logic: “Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.”
- The world can take;
 - your livelihood,
 - your reputation,
 - your physical well-being,
 - and even your physical life,
 - but they cannot touch your standing before the God.
- True, rational fear is reserved for the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.
 - God alone is sovereign over both the temporal body and the eternal soul.

- He alone deserves to be feared.
- When we fear God rightly, the trivial threats of men lose their power over us.

*Godly Providence

- Sparrows are among the least valued created beings of God, yet not one sparrow falls apart from God's will.
 - He is cognizant of every one of His smallest creatures.
- You are of much greater value, and the very hairs of your head are numbered.
- You are not a random accident of history; you are a child of the infinite Creator.
- Jesus is saying that your safety is not found in the approval of mankind but in the sovereignty of your Heavenly Father.
- The theme is God's loving providence over his people.
 - He knows and watches over every detail of our lives.
 - The God who is sovereign over history is in control of every aspect of the life and ministry of his "children."
- Therefore, there is no need to fear!

*SUMMARY: Fear God and live fearlessly in His loving, sovereign providence over your life.

*PUBLICLY CONFESS CHRIST BOLDLY (vss. 32-33)

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*The Core Issue

- This passage concerns discipleship and subsequent rewards, not the requirements for justification or entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven.
- Eternal salvation is a gift received by faith alone; it is not a reward earned through public confession or suffering.

**Ephesians 2:8–10 (NKJV) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

*The Contextual Issue

- Jesus was preparing His disciples for the reality of adversity and persecution. The focus is on their response to that pressure.

- *The Concept of “Worthy”*: Being “worthy of Me” refers to the capacity to reign with Christ, not worthiness to be saved. All are inherently unworthy of salvation.

***To Confess and Deny**

- Confession is not a passive mental state; it is an active declaration in words and lifestyle.
- Being a Christian is not a private matter between you and God; it is a public confession of your surrender to a new King.
- To deny Him because you fear the consequences is to forfeit the promise of His recognition.
- *Confessing*: Those who consistently identify with Christ through their words and actions will receive praise and reward from Jesus before the Father at the Judgment Seat.
- *Denying*: Those who fail to confess Christ (due to fear or faithlessness) are not losing their salvation, but rather forfeiting “treasure in heaven” and the specific privilege of co-ruling with Christ in His kingdom.

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- We are living in an era of testing.
- The gates of hell are loud, and the world demands that you kneel before its idols, however, remember your Master.
 - He is the one who holds your life, your breath, and your eternal reward.
- Stand firm, bear your cross, and do not be afraid to identify with and confess His name.

***Summary**: *Publicly confessing Christ is essentially an investment in one’s eternal standing. While it may bring temporal hardship, it positions the believer for future “gain” and the honor of being recognized by the King before the Father.*

***APPLICATION**

1. Renounce the “False Gospel” Myth

- The modern church often sells a distorted version of Christianity that promises an easier life, social acceptance, societal success, or personal happiness.
- *Accept that adversity is a marker of allegiance to Jesus.*

2. *Position Your Fear Rightly

- Satan relies on fear to silence Christians; Jesus instructs us to dismantle this weapon by placing our fear rightly toward God.
- What or who do you fear that is greater than your fear of God?

3. *Embrace Your Public Declaration of Jesus

- The secular elite and progressive cultural forces insist that faith belongs in the “closet” or the private home.
- Jesus’ command to “preach on the housetops” is a declaration of war against this privatization.
- We need to be bold and reclaim the public square, our culture, and the world that God has placed us in.

4. *Be Secure in God’s Sovereign Providence

- Be confident that your life is not a series of random events controlled by governments, employers, relationships, economies, or enemies. The “hairs of your head are numbered” by God.
- Therefore, live with a boldness grounded in God’s provision and protection.



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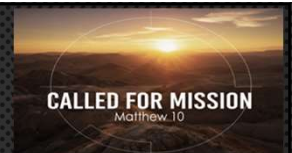


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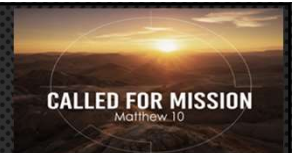
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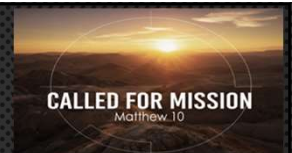


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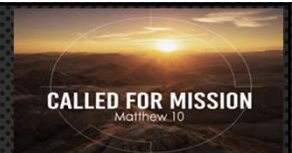
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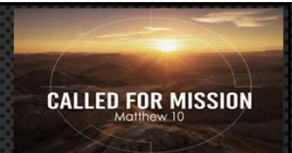
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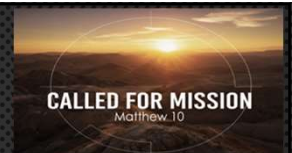
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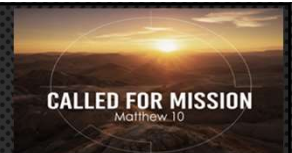
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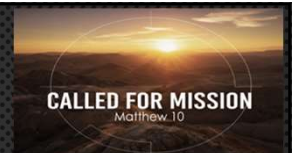


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