

## **FEARLESS**

I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. Matthew 10:16–19

At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by everyone because of me... Matthew 10:19-22

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Matthew 10:28–31

JESUS' MESSAGE WAS NOT: DON'T BE AFRAID BECAUSE I WON'T LET BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO YOU.

JESUS' MESSAGE WAS: DON'T BE AFRAID WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN.

MAIN IDEA: THE DESTINATION OF FOLLOWING IS A FAITH THAT OVERWHELMS FEAR

ASK, "WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WAS ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENT THAT GOD WAS WITH ME?"

GOD IS MOST HONORED—HE RECEIVES THE MOST GLORY—THROUGH OUR LIVING, ACTIVE, DEATH-DEFYING, OUTSIDE-THE-BOX TRUST.

JESUS SAYS, "FOLLOW AND I WILL LEAD YOU TO A PLACE WHERE YOUR FAITH OVERWHELMS FEAR."