

The Gospels Series: The Cost of Saying Yes

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Scripture: Matthew 9:35–10:16; 2 Timothy 3:12

SUMMARY

Saying yes to Jesus means sharing His compassion for harassed sheep—and accepting that the mission may cost comfort, packing lists, and even peace at home.

OVERVIEW

Missy Carfield situates Matthew’s Gospel as a late testimony written after decades of following Jesus through rejection and hardship. She lands in Matthew 9–10: Jesus teaches, heals, and looks at the crowds with compassion because they are harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He summons the Twelve, gives them authority, and sends them to the lost sheep of Israel with a clear message—the kingdom of heaven is near—and almost no gear.

The “cost of saying yes” is not abstract: go where He sends, travel light, expect both welcome and resistance, and remember that workers in the harvest are few. Disciples pray for laborers and then discover they are the answer to that prayer.

KEY POINTS

- Matthew writes as a redeemed outsider who has seen the cost of following Jesus
- Jesus’ compassion for harassed, shepherdless people drives the mission
- Disciples receive authority and a clear assignment—not a vague spiritual hobby
- “The kingdom of heaven has come near” is the message they carry
- Traveling light trains dependence on God and on the hospitality of others
- Specific doors open for specific people in our circles of influence
- Saying yes includes hardship; godliness and persecution often travel together

MEMORABLE LINES

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

"God gives us a message to know and to share, and sometimes he opens very specific doors for us to go through."

"Pray for the workers of the harvest... and then realize you may be the answer to that prayer."

TAKEAWAY

Ask where Jesus is sending you this week—and what you may need to leave behind so you can go light, clear, and compassionate.

SOURCE

- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aam-fPRAFzc> (captions)
- Website: <https://www.baypointchurch.com/media/b4yr2pq/the-gospels-series-the-cost-of-saying-yes>