

“Following Jesus is Inherently Challenging”
Part 2
Matt. 10:24-31

- Elders communication letter 7/25
Asking for prayer
Acts 20:28-31; Heb. 13:17
- Clarification on last week’s sermon opposition –
illustration of church in Minnesota.
- Clarity of this passage
Descriptive not prescriptive

Intro: Jesus instructs His disciples vs. 5-14

- As you go, wherever you enter, proclaim the gospel, evangelize constantly, be faithful and be dependent upon me.

I. It’s a hard road vs. 16-23

Behold, all eyes on me – I send you out – yes it’s dangerous – expect opposition – but you not alone – whatever you go through, it’s for my sake, a testimony to the lost. It may cost you deeply – faithfulness calls for courage and wisdom.

II. Do not fear man vs. 24-31

Proverbs 28:1; 29:25; Gen. 12:12,20; John 12:42-43; Isaiah 41:10; Deut. 20:1; 31:6; Josh. 1:9
Psalm 27:1; Romans 8:31; Isaiah 51:7, 12-13; 1 Peter 3:14; Heb. 6:18-19

• 4 points to anchor you with courage

1) Do not be frightened – embrace discipleship

Matt. 10:24-25; Phil. 1:6; 1 John 2:6; Heb. 12:2-4; Rom. 8:28; Col. 3:10; John 15:18-21; 1 Peter 4:12
Phil. 1:27-30; Rom. 5:1-5; James 1:24

2) Do not be silenced – truth must be proclaimed

Matt. 10:26-27; Acts 4:13-17; 5:20; Isaiah 43:1-2; 1 Peter 3:15-17; 1 Cor. 4:5; Rom. 10:14-17; John 16:1, 13
Proverbs 1:20-23; John 15:11, 18-27; Matt. 10:19-20

3) Do not be intimidated – only fear God

Matt. 10:28; Proverbs 29:5; Isaiah 8:12-13; Psalm 119:20; Acts 20:23-24; Rom. 8:35-39; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; 1 Peter 3:14; Heb. 12:28-29; Psalm 118:6; Col. 3:22; Phil. 2:12-13

4) Do not be unsettled – trust in the Lord

Matt. 10:29-31; Matt. 6:26; 28:18-20; Psalm 37:3-6; Psalm 52: 8; 62:8; Isaiah 26:4; Psalm 94:19
Psalm 55:22; 1 Peter 5:7; Matt. 12:18-21