Following Jesus is Inherently Challenging
Part 5
Matt. 10:40-42

Intro: Jesus is discipling His disciples then as His disciples we are to make disciples.
Matt. 28:18-20

- Jesus uses ordinary people vs. 1-15
  We can depend upon Him, He is trustworthy.

I. It's a hard road vs.16-23, He is always with us
By divine providence using all we go through

II. Do not fear man vs. 24-31
Fear of man is a obstacle
But by following Jesus, embracing His sanctifying work
Trust in Him you are valuable and your fear of God
Will defeat you fear of man

III. Allegiance to Jesus is a non-negotiable vs. 32-33
It's a major mark of His disciples
Jesus is the source of our life, that's our confession

IV. Following Jesus divides people vs. 34-39
He knew it would – but salvation comes through the truth proclaimed – your new life is incapsulated in His love for you and filled with a love for Him

V. Faithfulness to a disciple's mission is recognized and rewarded vs. 40-42
2 Cor. 5:10, 20-6:3; Rom. 2:6; 14:12; 1 Peter 3:8-9; Jeremiah 17:10; 1 Cor. 3:8-14

- Show the contrast vs. 38-39

- Faithfulness is recognized and rewarded vs. 40-42

- Truth comforts
Psalm 23:4; 119:50; Isaiah 49:13; 2 Cor. 1:4-5; 1 Thess. 4:18; Acts 9:31

#1) Your life is in union with Christ vs. 40
2 Tim. 2:3-6; Phil. 2:5-9; 3:8-10; 2 Cor. 5:17-6:4; Deut. 32:9; Psalm 16:5
Psalm 33:12; Acts 20:32; 1 Cor. 1:9; Eph. 1:14, 18; Col. 1:12

#2) No faithful act for Christ is wasted vs. 41-42
1 Thess. 3:7; Rom. 16:1-4; 2 Tim. 1:16-18; Heb. 6:10; 3 John 5-8; Matt. 16:27
Matt. 25:34-40; Isaiah 3:10; Luke 6:35