

Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Sermon Series: “Fully Engaged.”  
(Pentecost, 2025)  
“Tough Love.” *Luke 12.49-56.*

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## The “Crisis” of Following Jesus

“A time of intense difficulty, trouble, or danger.” “A time when a difficult or important decision must be made.”

The \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus makes.

*Luke 12.51-53 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”*

*Luke 12.54-56 He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?*

*Jerimiah 23.23-24 “Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? <sup>24</sup> Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.*

The \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus takes.

*Luke 12.49-50 “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my **distress** until it is accomplished!*

συνέχομαι (*synechomai*): “To be seized with” (Constraint)

*Hebrews 12.1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

(Answers: Claims. Cross.)