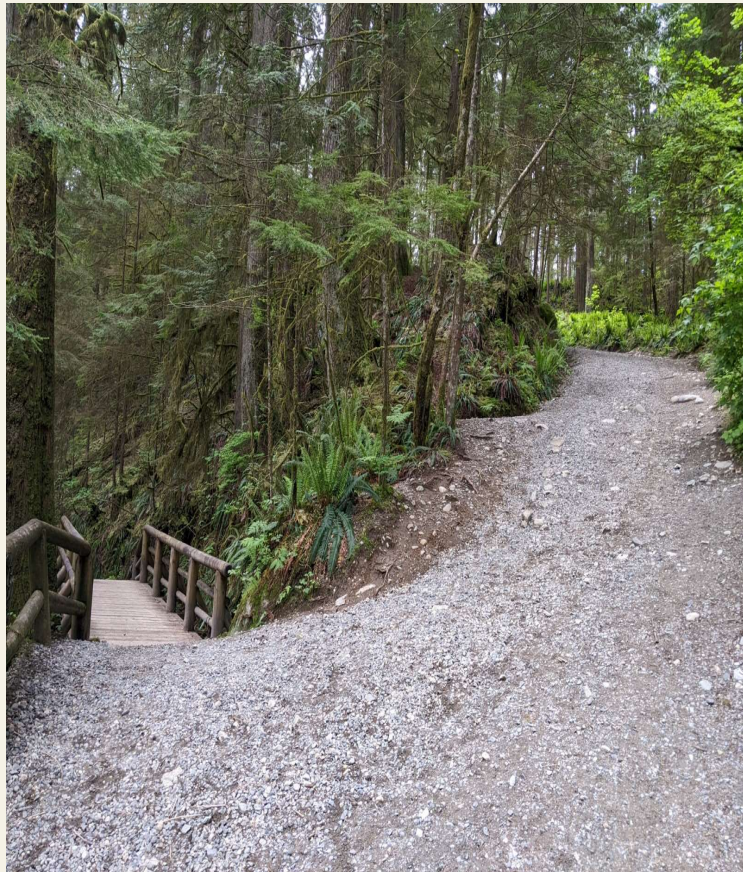


## *Staying the course*





## *Staying the course... when in the rough*





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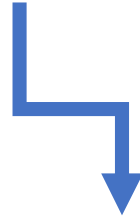
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*Reading Matthew 10*

- *19 But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say,*
- *20 for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.*
- *21 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death.*
- *22 All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.*
- *23 When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.*

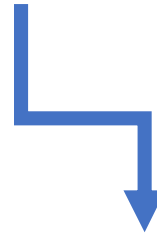
*Commissioning by Jesus*

*"Preach the Kingdom of Heaven is near!"*



*Expectations*

*Rough roads ahead as you minister for Me!*



*Preparations*

*To be equipped to press on in service*



## **Reading Matthew 10: 24-39**

- 24 "A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.**
- 25 It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household!**
- 26 "So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.**
- 27 What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.**
- 28 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.**
- 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father.**
- 30 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.**
- 31 So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.**

- **32** *"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.*
- **33** *But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.*
- **34** *"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.*
- **35** *For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law —*
- **36** *a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'*
- **37** *"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;*
- **38** *and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.*
- **39** *Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*



<b><i>Commission</i></b>	<b><i>Expectation</i></b>	<b><i>Preparation</i></b>	<b><i>Encouragement</i></b>	<b><i>Verses</i></b>
<b>Sending you out like sheep among wolves</b>	<b>When they arrest you</b>	<b>Be on your guard; Do not worry</b>	<b>The Spirit will give you words</b>	<b>v 19-23</b>
<b>You are My servants</b>	<b>All men will hate you; will persecute you</b>	<b>Flee, do not be afraid</b>	<b>As I suffer, you will because of me</b>	<b>v 24-25</b>
<b>I am the powerful judge of all</b>	<b>Persecution &amp; possible death</b>	<b>Do not be afraid</b>	<b>I see and will judge what is done in the darkness</b>	<b>v 26-27</b>
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<b>I am your mediator</b>	<b>Some will deny Me</b>	<b>Continue to acknowledge me before men</b>	<b>I am your mediator with the Father</b>	<b>v 32-33</b>
<b>Love me above everyone</b>	<b>Do not expect peace</b>	<b>Continue to love Me above all else Follow after Me</b>	<b>Lose our lives on His Account, life in Me will be yours</b>	<b>v 34-39</b>

## *You are My Servants (v 24,25)*

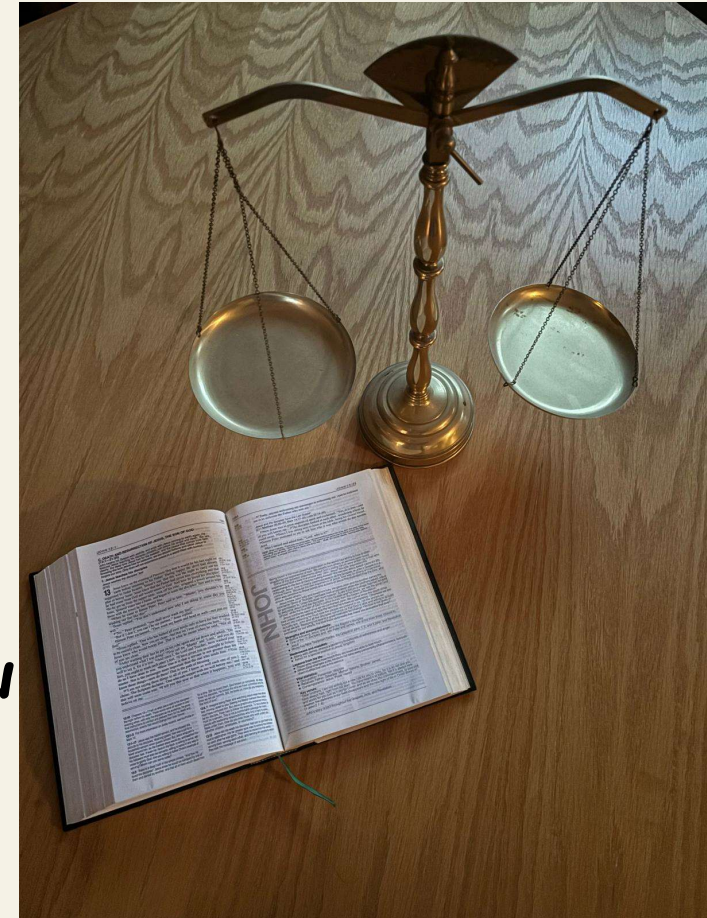
- *As you serve Me, you can expect hatred & persecution*
  - *Flee those who reject you because of Me*
  - *Remember who you are:*
    - *My students, my disciples*
    - *Never above your teacher/Lord*
    - *Of My household: Beelzebub*
    - *You have My power, authority and help*
- *Continue to speak for Me*





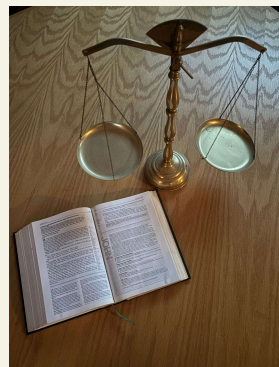
## *What you are preaching is from Me (v 26,27)*

- *I AM the Judge of all who hear*
- *You can expect persecution & possible death*
- *Do not fear*
  - *I will judge who they are*
    - *Now covered will be uncovered*
    - *What they have done will be judged*
    - *You have My power & authority, and help*
- *Continue in Me & what I have asked of you*
  - *Faithfully, openly, frankly, continuously?*



## *I am the powerful judge & your protector (v 28-31)*

- ***You can expect..***
  - *Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body but not the soul*
  - *Fear Him who is able to destroy both in hell*
- ***You are precious to Me & worthy in Me***
  - *Sparrows and hairs of your head*





## *I am your mediator (v 32-33)*

- *You can expect..*
  - *Some will deny Me*
- *Preparation:*
  - *Acknowledge me before men*
- *Encouragement*
  - *I am your mediator with the Father*



## *I came to bring peace (v 34-39)*

- *You can expect..*
  - *Many will choose against Me*
- *Preparation*
  - *Love Me above all else*
  - *Follow after Me*
- *Encouragement*
  - *Lose our lives on His Account*
  - *You will find life in Me*

*“What good will it be  
for a man if he gains  
the whole world,  
yet forfeits his soul?”*

Matthew 16:26



## Hendrickson

*The person, who when the issue is between Me and what he considers his own interest, chooses the latter, thinking that by so doing he is going to 'find' himself, that is secure a firmer hold on the full life, will be bitterly disappointed. He will lose rather than gain. His happiness and usefulness will shrink and shrivel rather than increase. At last he will perish everlastingly.*

*On the other hand, the one who, confronted with the choice gives himself away, that is, denies himself out of loyalty to me, being willing if need be to pay the supreme sacrifice, will attain to complete self realization. He will have life and will have it more abundantly until at last he will share with Me the glory of my return and of the new heaven and earth.*



## **Micah 7:1**

***What misery is mine! I am like one who gathers summer fruit at the gleaning of the vineyard; there is no cluster of grapes to eat, none of the early figs that I crave. The godly have been swept from the land; not one upright man remains. All men lie in wait to shed blood; each hunts his brother with a net. Both hands are skilled in doing evil; the ruler demands gifts, the judge accepts bribes, the powerful dictate what they desire — they all conspire together. The best of them is like a brier, the most upright worse than a thorn hedge.***

*The day of your watchmen has come, the day God visits you. Now is the time of their confusion. Do not trust a neighbour; put no confidence in a friend. Even with her who lies in your embrace be careful of your words. For a son dishonours his father, a daughter rises up against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law — a man's enemies are the members of his own household.*

*But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Saviour; my God will hear me.*

## *Staying the course, even when in the rough*

- *As you serve Me, you can expect division, hatred & persecution*
- *Be discerning through prayer*
  - *those who are searching and those who are rejecting Me*
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