

Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ “The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶ “So do not be afraid of them, for 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 outside your FATHER’S care. 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 others, I will also acknowledge before MY FATHER in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns ME before others, I will disown 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 their father or mother more than ME is not worthy of ME; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than ME is not worthy of ME. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow ME is not worthy of ME. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for MY sake will find it.”

Memory Verse: Matthew 10:39

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THE OPPOSITE OF FAITH

FEAR

COURAGE

CONFLICT

OVERCOMING FEAR

1. ACKNOWLEDGE IT

2. RESPOND IN FAITH

QUESTIONS FOR STUDY

Getting Started

- 1) What was your attitude/mind-set when you entered worship this week? What was it when you left worship? What most contributed to that change?

- 2) What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find most helpful, eye opening, or troubling? Explain.

Into the Bible

- 3) Read Jeremiah 20:7-13. What is the reason for Jeremiah's complaint? How does Jeremiah change his attitude? For what reasons does he praise GOD? How might this change of focus give him courage?

- 4) Read Romans 6:1b-11. Why would continuing to sin cause grace to increase? Why is this idea flawed? What eternal promise do we have through the faith we demonstrate in baptism? What does it mean to be united to CHRIST?

- 5) Read Matthew 10:24-39. What should be the goal of the student or servant? What does JESUS want done with the messages we receive from HIM? Who are those who can "kill the body but not the soul"? Why might those who follow JESUS come into conflict with family members?

Application to Life

- 6) About what things in life are you most fearful? How do your fears impact your actions? How often do your fears manifest as reality? Are your fears more about this world or the next?

- 7) What do JESUS' words, "Do not be afraid," impact you? How does your relationship with GOD help you to overcome fear? Do the promises GOD offers in the life to come help you to look past fears about this world? Explain.

- 8) When has a hardship or challenge helped you to grow in faith? When have you seen GOD work good through a difficult or painful experience? What challenges or fears might you more readily face by drawing on your faith?

- 9) What do you sense GOD is saying to you based on this study?