

STANDING UP ... TO STAND FIRM

MATTHEW 10:16-25

“I've got good news ...” (vv. 1-14)

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. v. 1

“You're going to do great things in My name!”

“... and I've got bad news ...” (vv. 15-25)

“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.” vv. 16-18

“You're going to suffer great persecution in my name!”

The disciples wanted the _____ that Jesus displayed.

But what they really needed was the _____ that Jesus possessed.

STANDING UP
GOD'S HEART OF CONVICTION

The power to endure (v. 22)

“But the one who endures to the end will be saved.” v. 22b

“You will endure!”

en•dure v.
hypomenō
patiently persevere;
bear bravely and calmly;
stand firm in the
face of trials

The ability to stand firm is ...

- Spirit- _____ , not self-produced
- resting on God's _____ , not wishful thinking
- Christ- _____ , not self-promoting
- based on what Christ _____ , not what we need to do

But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.

Hebrews 10:35-39 NLT

1. Read Matthew 10:16-25. Until now the disciples have been like passengers in a car while Jesus did the driving. Now He tells them to go do it themselves. Imagine that you're one of the apostles about to set out on the mission Jesus has given you. What's the most urgent question you'd want to ask Him before you leave?

FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

MATTHEW 10:24

"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master."

JOURNAL:

Matthew 10:16-25

"As the most harmless and gentle of birds, doves represent being pure, or innocent, another characteristic of the faithful disciple of Christ. Being true to God's Word and uncompromising in proclaiming the gospel does not require, and should never include, being abrasive, coarse, inconsiderate, belligerent, blatant or blunt. ... Godly wisdom has no part in anything that is impure, deceitful or defiling. It is always the ally of truth and righteousness. Nothing untruthful or unethical can enhance the gospel or make its witness more effective."

JOHN MACARTHUR

2. Godly men and women have always been persecuted (Lk 11:47-48; Acts 8:1-3; 2 Tim 3:12; Rev 6:9-11). Why do you think God allows this to happen?

3. Why did Jesus tell the disciples not to be afraid? How does fear affect our boldness in speaking the truth, and what do we do to confront that fear?

4. The serpent was the emblem of wisdom, shrewdness and intellectual keenness (Gen 3:1; Ps 58:5); the dove of purity, innocence and simplicity (Song. 6:9; Hos 7:11). What happens when Christians lean too much one way or the other, rather than being like both, as Jesus told us in verse 16?

5. Would you say that you strive to be a worthy ambassador for Jesus? On what aspect of being an ambassador could you focus on more intentionally in the coming weeks?

JOURNAL Matthew 10:16-25

Though Christians today are not apostles, how are our responsibilities similar, and how are they different? What does this look like in your life today?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!



SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Congratulations to our graduating seniors! We're proud of the accomplishments you've achieved and are excited for what God has in store for you as you walk into the next stage of your life. To view our Senior Recognition brochure, scan the QR code here.

WOMEN IN THE WORD: HEART OF THE HOME

Some might say the kitchen, the family room or the back porch is the heart of the home. But *who* is the heart of the home? This summer we'll enter five homes Jesus visits and watch what happens when He bring life into each home through forgiveness, healing, salvation, joy and love. Join Women in the Word this summer and be inspired to welcome Jesus as the heart of your home. Join us Wednesdays and Thursdays, starting Thursday, June 2 at 7 p.m. in the Oak Room. Register today at ccbcfamily.org/events.

CENTER OF HOPE

Center of Hope is a summer program that ministers to families and children in Parker County with a focus on feeding children physically, emotionally and spiritually. From Bible studies to cooking classes, this is an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the children of Parker County. All campuses are encouraged to join us the week of June 13 -15 to be a part of this special program. Visit ccbcfamily.org/events to learn more.

JOIN SMALL CARE GROUPS THIS SUMMER

Soul Care is a ministry of incredible pastors and lay counselors who design a variety of classes that meet you where you are and encourage your walk with Christ. Whether you want to learn more about being victorious over anger or walking through grief biblically, these groups will be a tool and a source of growth for you. If you'd like to learn more about the wide variety of classes, visit ccbcfamily.org/soulcare.

BAND OF BROTHERS: LIFE AND GODLINESS

Band of Brothers is a time when men of all ages come together and lean into God's Word. This summer we take a step into 2 Peter. Decisions are at every turn, but so are the lies that distract us from our purpose. Find out how a man of God stays faithful in the face of falsehood. Join us on Thursdays at either 6:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. You can learn more and register today at ccbcfamily.org/events.

THE STORY OF OUR SALVATION

Explore the first eight chapters of Romans with Pastor Andy Bowen. Explore topics that provide a deeper understanding of God and creation, the purpose of the law, the meaning of faith and righteousness, death and substitution. Learn how our experience of walking with God can grow as we discover the story of our salvation. Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in The Den.

LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD?

Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

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