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Matthew 10:28-31

Big Idea: There's a subtle, creepy, sly enemy of *authentic* Christian living that sneaks into our life and wreaks havoc. If you've ever wondered if there's more to Christianity than you're experiencing, you're right. In *Radical*, we'll talk about what may be lacking and how to get it in your life.

Bottom Line: Radical obedience to Christ is not easy; it's dangerous!

Review:

In the first week of *Radical* we asked a question: Is Jesus *really* worth abandoning everything for?

In the second week, we learned the reward of the Gospel is God Himself.

In the third week, we learned the importance of God-reliance vs. self-reliance.

In the fourth week, we learned our highest aim and goal is to use our life and everything in it to glorify God by leading people to salvation.

In the fifth week, we learned Healthy disciples make disciples. Share your faith, so you will gain a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ, and have beautiful feet!

In the sixth week, we learned about Radical Giving and the importance of bringing the whole tithe into the local church to carry out God's work of saving men. You can't afford NOT to tithe!

Last week, we learned about the calling of God and asked the question, "Who will go? Send me."

Introduction:

Radical obedience to Christ is not easy; it's dangerous!

But we usually think God's plan for our life is more like a luxury cruise liner rather than a battleship.

Struggle:

In fact, a popular way to share the Gospel is to say, “God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life.” The problem with that approach is...it’s not true!

God never promises a wonderful plan for your life. Instead, Jesus said, “In this world, you will have trouble [tribulation] (John 16:33).”

The reality is we live as sheep among wolves.

Truth:

In Matthew 10, Jesus calls his apostles together, gives them authority, and sends them to the wolves. His speech sounds more like a good president or general delivering a call to arms than we might expect.

Jesus says, “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. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

In vs. 28, Jesus says, “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.”

Is this *really* supposed to be encouraging?

The only way death can be a reward is if dying *really* is gain.

The Apostle Paul says, “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain (Philippians 1:21).”

So, do you *really* believe?

Application

The return on investment of the Christian’s life is so big, it can never be contained or fully realized on Earth. The return on investment of the Christian’s life can only be fully realized in Heaven because people are the only thing you can take to Heaven with you!

What is God calling you to do?

Where is God calling you to go?

Are you afraid? That’s normal and may even be part of the plan.

Your security is in Christ. Embrace his call. And go!

Next Steps:

- Memorize Matthew 10:28
- What is God calling you to do?
- Where is God calling you to go?
- Focus on Christ. Embrace His call. And go!