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Holy
Living

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Matthew 10:16-23

Following Jesus is not a promise of a life of ease. In fact, Jesus is clear that we will face hardship. The message in Matthew 10 was spoken to particular people, at a particular time. A time when they knew that following Jesus would lead to hardship.

The promise here is not a promise of a life of ease, but rather a promise that the Holy Spirit will be *with* them in the midst of the difficulty. We can cling to this promise as well. Our discipleship will not inherently lead to an easy life, but we can trust that the Holy Spirit is with us.

For those of us who have spent our lives preaching, pastoring, and teaching in churches, we know these words well, because sometimes our faithfulness to preach the gospel is met with cruelty. Yet we preach. The Holy Spirit is present with us.

You may find difficulty by following Christ: others may insult you, forsake you, or wound you, but you can be certain that you are not alone.

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