

## God's Care

### Description

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Matthew 10:17-31

Jesus walked away from some places where a person would expect Jesus to be welcomed, but He was not. The people in the synagogue in Nazareth, for example, drove Him away (Luke 4:29). The people who watched Jesus grow “in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man” cast off His proclamation that the year of the Lord’s favor had arrived (2:52).

Jesus told His disciples that they, too, would face opposition by those who rejected Him as the Christ. Three times in Matthew 10:26-31, Jesus told His disciples not to be afraid. Jesus urged them to speak with confidence because the Holy Spirit would give them what to say.

Jesus used the sparrow to emphasize God’s care. Sparrows were a poor person’s sacrifice (Luke 2:24). Since God took care of a common bird with little value in that society, Jesus said to His disciples, be confident that God will care for you.

Jesus calls all Christians to speak the good news. We can be confident of God’s care as we faithfully live as Jesus’ disciples.

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