

Matthew 10:32–42 (CSB)

³² “Therefore, everyone who will acknowledge me before others, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny him before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ Don’t assume that I came to bring peace on the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I came to turn

**a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
³⁶ and a man’s enemies will be
the members of his household.**

³⁷ The one who loves a father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; the one who loves a son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever doesn’t take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Anyone who finds his life will lose it, and anyone who loses his life because of me will find it.

⁴⁰ “The one who welcomes you welcomes me, and the one who welcomes me welcomes him who sent me. ⁴¹ Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward. And anyone who welcomes a righteous person because he’s righteous will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴² And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, truly I tell you, he will never lose his reward.”

Call to Bold Faith

Real Faith Stands for Christ

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³² “Therefore, everyone who will acknowledge me before others, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny him before my Father in heaven.

True faith acknowledges who Jesus is.

Matthew 10:34–36 (CSB)

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We are called to preach the whole message of Jesus

The message of Jesus will often cause tensions and not peace

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Relational Denial

Matthew 10:38 (CSB)

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Self Denial

Matthew 10:39 (CSB)

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Jesus has already done this, our lives are lived in sacrifice in a place of worship and love to Him, because of what He has done for us.

GROW GROUP QUESTIONS

What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?

Have there been times you have had to take a stand for Jesus?

Has the Gospel message ever caused strife in your family?

What or how are some ways you have had to deny a relationship/self for Christ?

How can we pray for each other this week to live out a bold faith?