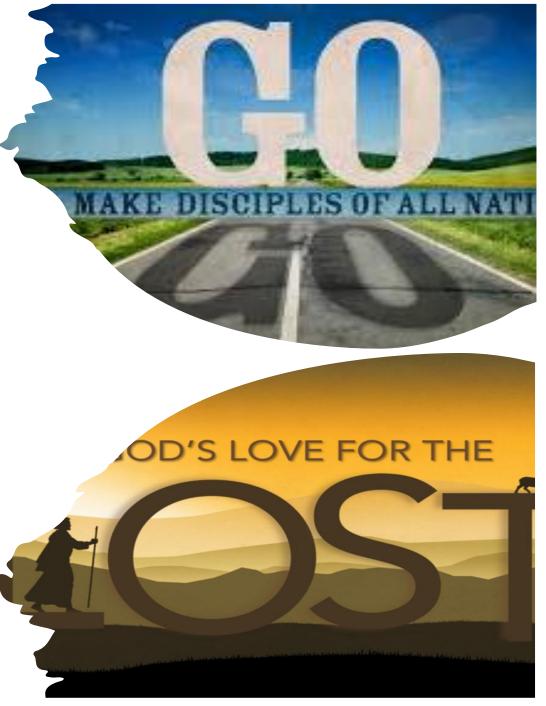
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Expect Confrontation

I am sending you out like sheep among wolves.

From religious & government authority

¹⁷ Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues.
 ¹⁸ On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles.



From the family

²¹ 'Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death.



Till End of Times

²² You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

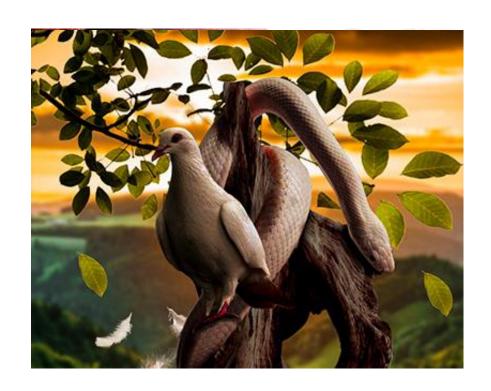


Be Confident

'I am sending you out...Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.'

He sends us out! He gives power & wisdom

Be wise and swift as snakes, Simple and sincere as doves.



God protects and defends us

¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.



The Master Himself has faced such confrontations

²⁴ 'The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!



Be Courageous!

²⁶ 'So <u>do not be afraid</u> of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.

Live in the light. Proclaim the truth! God will bring everything to light



Do not be afraid

²⁸ <u>Do not be afraid</u> 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.

Fear God not man!

Only God holds the key to our eternal future

Do not be afraid

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

God Cares! We are special and Valuable His Providence is Sufficient!



Christ honors those who confess Him

³² 'Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.



Be Committed

³⁴ 'Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword...

³⁶ a man's enemies will be the members of his own household." ³⁷ 'Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Get our priority right Love Christ Supremely above all else



Jesus must be the Lord of our life Worship Him only!

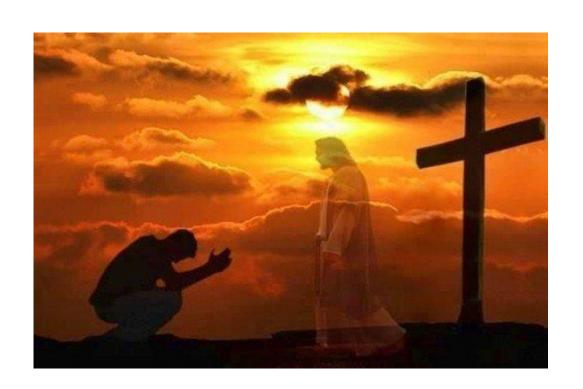
Idols of our life 4Ps People, Prosperity, Pleasure, Power. "People make good things god things" Health, Family, Career, Aspirations.

Surrender to Christ and truly live!

³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

Deny yourself, Take up the cross, and Follow him.



Let go and let God

The South Indian Monkey Trap



Divine opportunity to bless others

⁴⁰ 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me... Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.'

We are agents of His blessings!



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 God sent us. He is with us.
- Be Courageous

 Proclaim the gospel boldly
- **Be Committed**Seek Him first and his
 kingdom and righteousness



Stand up and be Counted Good and Faithful Servants of God

³² 'Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.

Heed the warning
Live the full life sharing
the good news for his glory!
It's our great privileges!

