

# FEARLESSLY LOYAL

## Matthew 10:26-39

### I. Stand for Christ with whole-souled *awe* (vv. 26-33).

A. By cultivating faith in God's *punitive* rule (vv. 26-28, 32-33).

B. By cultivating faith in God's *paternal* rule (vv. 29-31).

### II. Stand for Christ with whole-souled *allegiance* (vv. 34-39).

A. By cultivating a *warfare* mentality (vv. 34-36).

B. By cultivating a *worshipful* mentality (vv. 37-38).

#### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. How does our inner coward keep us from standing courageously for Jesus? What is the prescription Jesus gives for killing carnal fear?
2. Can you think of a time in your life when a lesser fear was overcome by a greater fear? How does that relate to Jesus's teaching here?
3. What does it mean to fear God? How does knowing God as both Judge and Father cause us to die to ungodly fears?
4. Why does Christ point us to sparrows and hair? What does that have to do with not being afraid in times of persecution?
5. Read Genesis 3:15. How does this original gospel promise shed light on Christ bringing a sword? How was this promise of enmity originally fulfilled in Adam's sons? How does it continue to unfold in some families today?
6. Who are the ones that Christ deems worthy of Him?
7. Who was Perpetua, and how did she embody our Lord's teaching in Matthew 10:26-39?

#### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Why must I be ready for persecution even if I never face it personally?
2. What is it specifically that makes me so afraid of persecution? How could I intentionally and practically seek to exchange those carnal fears through the cultivation of the fear of God?
3. In my heart of hearts, do I believe Jesus is worth losing everything for?