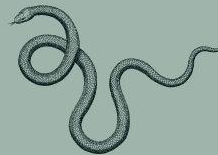




# Enduring Persecution

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Season of Persecution  
Evangelism Series Part 34





## Matthew 10:16-23

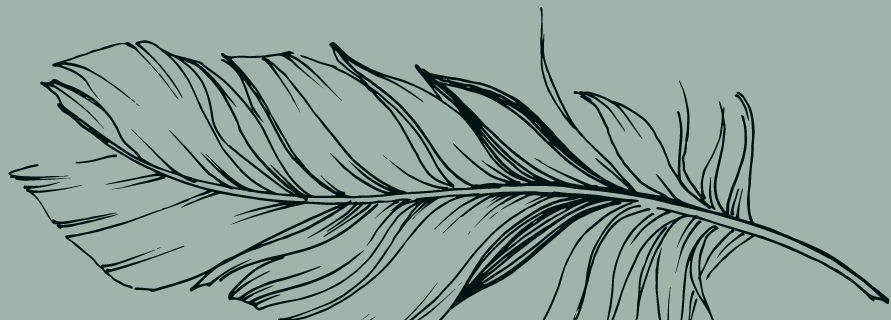
16 “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. 17 Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, 18 and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. 19 When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. 20 For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. 21 Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, 22 and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 23 When they *persecute* you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

# Persecution Prophesied



## Matthew 24:9-14

**9** “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. **10** And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. **11** And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. **12** And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. **13** *But the one who endures to the end will be saved.* **14** And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.





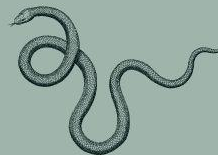
Luke 21:17-19

**17** You will be hated by all for my name's sake. **18** But not a hair of your head will perish. **19** *By your endurance you will gain your lives.*

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Mark 13:13

**13** And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. *But the one who endures to the end will be saved.*





## Revelation 13:5-10

5 And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. 6 It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. 7 Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear: 10 If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. *Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.*

See also Daniel 8:23-26 and 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12

## Revelation 14:12

“Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.”



# Persecution Endured



See the following scriptures for endurance encouragement...

Matthew 24:13

John 8:31

Romans 2:6-7

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Colossians 1:21-23

1 Timothy 4:16

Hebrews 2:1-3; 4:14; 6:11-12; 10:39; 12:14

James 1:22-24

1 Peter 2:20

2 Peter 1:10



## Endure

*Gk. hypo + menō = hypomenō*

Under + remain =  
to persevere or endure, to remain steadfast  
and fortified in place –  
often with patience and through suffering

# How to Endure: Lessons from Matthew 10

## 1. Know Truth and Walk by the Spirit

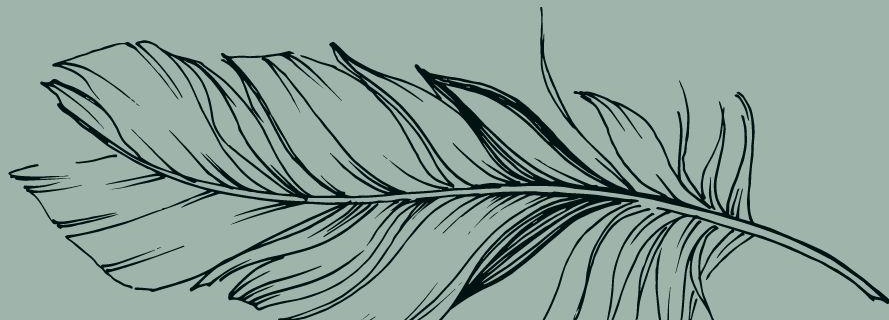
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## Romans 8:5-6

5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.



# How to Endure: Lessons from Matthew 10

## 2. Expect reviling, false accusations, and persecution

21 Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, 22 and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.





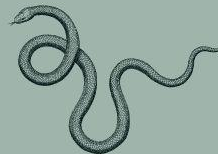
## 2a. Practice through suffering

James 1:12 “Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

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## 2b. Grow in the community of faith

Romans 15:5-6 “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”





# How to Endure: Lessons from Matthew 10

## 3. Allow your pride to be killed (flee)

23 When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.



## Proverbs 22:3

The prudent sees danger and hides himself,  
but the simple go on and suffer for it.



3a. Remember that God is sovereign and  
Christ is coming again.  
Do not become callous, apathetic,  
uncaring, or discouraged.

Galatians 6:9-10

9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for  
in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do  
good to everyone, and especially to those  
who are of the household of faith.





## 3b. Recognize temporal vs. eternal

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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## 3c. Grow in faith and hope

Hebrews 12:2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

