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THE MATTHEW STUDY: WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS  
SERIES: DESIGNED TO HUMBLY SERVE  
PART 3 - "UNTHINKABLE CONSEQUENCES"  
Matthew 10:16-23

<sup>16</sup>Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. Be as wary as snakes and harmless as doves. <sup>17</sup>But beware! For you will be handed over to the courts and beaten in the synagogues. <sup>18</sup>And you must stand trial before governors and kings because you are My followers. This will be your opportunity to tell them about Me – yes, to witness to the world. <sup>19</sup>When you are arrested, don't worry about what to say in your defense, because you will be given the right words at the right time. <sup>20</sup>For it won't be you doing the talking – it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, fathers will betray their own children, and children will rise against their parents and cause them to be killed. <sup>22</sup>And everyone will hate you because of your allegiance to Me. But those who endure to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When you are persecuted in one town, flee to the next. I assure you that I, the Son of Man, will return before you have reached all the towns of Israel."

HOW TO BE PREPARED TO STAY FAITHFUL TO  
JESUS CHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM:

I. **Focus** on who **Jesus** says you are.

Matthew 10:16; Psalm 100:3; John 10:3

II. **Figure** that you will be **opposed** for your **faith** in Jesus.

Matthew 10:17-20

III. **Face** the **fact** that you could be **betrayed** by family.

Matthew 10:21

IV. **Follow** Jesus all the way to the **end**.

Matthew 10:22-23