

## **SERIES: FRESH WISDOM FOR A NEW YEAR**

**DATE:** Sunday, January 29-30, 2022

**SERMON:** Living Faithfully in a Broken World

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 10:16-28 NIV

[16] “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

[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.

[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.

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

[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.

[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!

[26] “So do not be afraid 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.

[28] Do not be afraid 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.

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### *How can we live faithfully and courageously?*

**1. Understand \_\_\_\_\_ you live.**

- A \_\_\_\_\_ world.
- Sheep among \_\_\_\_\_.
- Don't be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **2 Corinthians 4:3-4** *And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

**2. Live as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Live with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Let your \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Live without \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Live \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Luke 16:8** *The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.*
- Seek and follow God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- Remember \_\_\_\_\_ you are and \_\_\_\_\_ to do.

**4. Remember who you \_\_\_\_\_.**

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## *Living wisely.*

Learning to live wisely may be one of the most crucial areas of our lives. This is especially true for followers of Christ who want to faithfully represent Him and who want to make Him known to a broken world.

For years, one of my most significant Bible verses has been, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and depend not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths”* (Proverbs 3:5–6).

Here are some areas where I need **wisdom**:

**Wisdom** in relationships

**Wisdom** for future decisions

**Wisdom** for leading a vigorous and growing church

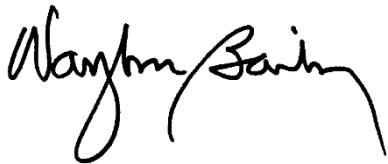
**Wisdom** to deal with a broken world

**Wisdom** to faithfully present Christ and to help others give their lives to Him.

Notice that Proverbs 3:5–6 encourages us to not depend on ourselves but to depend on Christ. Notice also the emphasis on letting Him be in control of *“all our ways.”*

You and I desperately need the wisdom that God gives to His people.

Let us ask of God who gives to all His children graciously (James 1:5).

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