

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Rev. Tony Felich

Spirit-Led in a Hostile World

Matthew 10:16-25

October 26, 2025

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
Matthew 10:16 “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. [24] “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. [25] It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.	<i>God sends His disciples into a hostile world to bear witness to Christ, assuring them of His presence and the Spirit’s empowering guidance amid persecution.</i> I. Hostility provides a platform for witness to Christ (16-18) II. The Holy Spirit empowers our witness (19-20) III. Eternal reward outweighs temporal suffering (21-22) IV. Jesus is our model and motivation (23-25) Memory verses for 2025- Matthew 7:24-25 [24] Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. [25] And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

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Sermon Application Questions	Prayer Requests
1. What should Christians anticipate when it comes to facing opposition, according to this passage?	This week our family will lift up requests for:
2. Why do you think that the persecution of Christians often leads others to embrace the faith?	
3. Reflect on Hugh Latimer's exhortation to Nicholas Ridley at their martyrdom in 1555: <i>"Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man; we shall this day light such a candle by God's grace in England, as I trust shall never be put out."</i> What does this statement reveal about their faith and perspective?	This week our family will praise the Lord for:
4. What does it mean to "share in Christ's suffering," and why is this concept significant for believers?	HFG Notes & Actions:
5. How might Christians living in American suburbia encounter or experience forms of persecution today?	Next HFG meeting is: