

Regardless of what country you live in, the Bible says we will all be hated, hunted and despised by the world. As believers, we are called to be "sheep among wolves," living in the tension of uncomfortability, forcing us to rely on God in our daily lives. Why would God "send us out" as sheep among wolves? We aren't as smart as Him; hence, we are likened to sheep. So why would a loving Father choose to send his precious little children into places where we are uncomfortable, in danger and unequipped? The Lord has called each of us to be fully reliant on the Father in all we do, especially in your assignment from which no one is exempt, to go and make disciples of nations.

If this feels a little heavy, well, it should. This is no simple task or it would have been accomplished by now. So, let us turn our hearts toward the Lord that He would strengthen and equip us for this calling.

INCREASE OUR FAITH

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Heb. 11:1)

Faith is the manifest substance actualized before our eyes. We have something in front of us that is the evidence of the things that are hidden, that are not seen or not yet actualized. Pray that God would open your eyes today to see faith that you would be strengthened by the evidences of God's work in your life, your family and your history.

Prayer Starter

Father, open my eyes right now and stir up my spirit. Show me the plans You have for my life, which You have always had from the beginning for me. Bring to my mind the times You have demonstrated Your power in my life and in my family. As I think about You in my history, bring me to the place I find myself right now, by Your goodness, and surround me with Your presence once again and strengthen my soul.

Meditate

Take time now to meditate and wait on the Lord. Write or draw what He shows You.

Reflection

Can you remember a time when you needed courage to face something? Perhaps it was an uncomfortable confrontation or situation where you needed to be strong in order to help others around you stay focused and get through. Thank God for the times He has filled you with courage and strength. Thank God for the times your faith was put into practice and manifested before you and those around you.

Prayer for our family living in persecutionFather, thank You for the times when I needed strength and courage and You were there for me. Would You stretch out Your hand and touch my brothers and sisters living in difficult places today, bringing them the courage and strength they need? I ask that You manifest Your glory and power through their faith today. Bless them with the comfort of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, amen.