



BE BRAVE

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- I wonder if we have become a little naïve today about the cost of discipleship. Many things come easy to us, and we are easily discouraged by roadblocks and failures — how many unfinished craft projects, backyard ideas, musical instruments, and exercise gimmicks litter your home? But both Jesus (Matt. 10:34–39) and His disciples (1 Pet. 4:12–16) anticipated a rough road.

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- A lesson for us is that our challenges don't really follow a script. Evangelism requires us to think on our toes, bravely and boldly answering each person accordingly (Col. 4:2–6, 1 Pet. 3:15).



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- **His fears came when he heard about 'righteousness, self-control, and judgment' — all subjects that equally disturb modern man! What prevents any of us from totally committing, or overcoming our fears?**



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