

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. (Verses taken from Matthew 10:1-40)

How have you experienced tension in your family because of your faith in Christ?

What does God want us to hear? Based on the passages above, what are the factual “takeaways” that are meaningful to you?

WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO DO?

How is what you believe actually manifesting itself in your everyday life?

What has that cost you? What have you gained because of that?

What does God want us to do? Flowing out of our reading and interpretation, what action does this passage or the Spirit’s leading, nudging us toward?

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

Rate yourself on a spectrum, with the left side representing bitter resentment, and the right side representing humble resignation — *in regard to what your faith in Christ has cost you.*

Examine your presumptions and assumptions this week in regard to your expectations about the cost of following Jesus ... and, if needed, adjust them to bring them into closer alignment with what Jesus made clear to all of those who would choose to follow him.

What does God want ME to do? What is the personal application and action step that the Holy Spirit is calling you toward?