

### Third Sunday after Pentecost

I was offered to repent and put an ad to the newspaper saying to all that I am not Christian anymore and I am sorry for the mistake I made at my work, (talking about Jesus and his way of salvation.) I can get my job back at the radio station and live a great life ever after. Was I tempted? Of course, but after a few seconds I heard the rooster crowing to give a revolutionary message to Paul that you denied me. Therefore I told them that: "I will never deny Jesus as my lord and only way to heaven" and my gosh I changed my life ever after.

34 "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to turn

"a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, 36 a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'

37 "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

In this part, I always remember the advice of my family that I should just tell them 'ok' and go on. Or my husband's family who reported me to the government to save him (their son) from my troubles. I was the rude one, who thinks and talks and acts differently from the others. I was the first danger to be around my own sibling and immediate family members. My decisions impact the whole family and their futures. I was ready to lose all I have had.

After a few days I left the country, with the help of my family who preferred not to have me there but wanted me alive, and I will never go back, even to see my loved one's graves. Still I have a hope that I will see them again on the other side with the glory of the Lord Jesus who gave himself for us to save us all.

Your servant in Christ

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