

5. **Your English Bible was first translated by a man (William Tyndale) who was considered an outlaw, arrested and strangled and his body burned at the stake.**
6. **And as we sit here safe and sound today, our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world gather at there on risk.**
  - ◆ **Uncertainty is Unavoidable**
  - ◆ **Fearful is Optional**
  - ◆ **Let's opt for Something Better: When fear starts talking, let's stop listening.**
  - ◆ **We are Christians.**

### MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...

- Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:17 &/or Galatians 2:20.**
- Receive God's forgiveness and commit to turn and follow Him.**
- Choose to develop your faith where you fear not those who can only harm the body but He who controls the destiny of your soul.**
- Pray for those who are in harm's way today because they are followers of Jesus.**



## THEN & NOW

*“Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged...”*

— Mark 15:15

*“They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,<sup>29</sup> and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand . . . Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. ‘Hail, king of the Jews!’ they said.<sup>30</sup> They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.”*

— Matthew 27:28-30

*“Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads<sup>40</sup> and saying, ‘You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!’”*

— Matthew 27:39-40

*“He saved others,’ they said, ‘but He can’t save himself!’”*

— Matthew 27:42a

*“Then he said to them all: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.’”*

— Luke 9:23

*“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?*

*Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”*

— Matthew 10:28-31

*“He replied, ‘You of little faith, why are you so afraid?’ Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. <sup>27</sup> The men were amazed and asked, ‘What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!’”*

— Matthew 8:26-27

## The Point

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**D. To follow Jesus is to refuse to be controlled by, influenced by, intimidated by fear.**

**E. Remember:**

1. NT was written mostly by Paul
2. We read a NT written by a guy who was stoned, left for dead, got up, and kept preaching. Then, he bought a ticket to Jerusalem knowing he would be arrested and shipped off to Nero’s Rome for trial. Wrote you letters from prison.
3. We worship a Savior whose mother watched him die.
4. We follow in the wake of first---century Christians who were fed to animals for their unwillingness to bow to Caesar.