**Matthew 10:21-22,** (KJV)**, emphasis mine, “**And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death.**And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.”**

**Matthew 10:34-39,** (KJV)**, emphasis mine, “**Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. **He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.**

Life is unpredictable, porcine, putrid, precarious, problematic, puzzling, pugnacious, perturbing and particularly painful. Matthew warned us **(in a ‘cupla’ places)** that even your very own family might turn against you, even your dearest friend might betray, and even your closest ally might become an enemy. He said,”**And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.”** However, he also wrote of the real plan and promise that awaits all who 'stay the course'......in his words...."**but,** (Pay attention! This is no “baby talking” ![C:\Users\Linda\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\ED2QES59\MC900016035[1].wmf]()!)

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Happy “Shall be Saved” Sunday to you! Here’s the “deep dive,” “go the extra mile,” “mission critical” of today’s priority—Be a “mover and a shaker” and “push the envelope” for Jesus’ high calling. **Then,** you will DEFINITELY AND “FOR SURE”“**endure to the end!”**

**It is always, always, always…Because of Him,**

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**Dear Father, Keep me targeted and strong today. When the trials and disappointments which surround me seem overwhelming, take me back to the cross. When the sickness and pain of this world engulf me, show me the stripes on Your back. When I lose my focus and get off-track, highlight for me the jagged road to Golgotha. Keep me diligent; keep me steady; keep me purposefully charged in my mission. Forgive my unbelief, uncaring, and selfishness. Forgive my human self-centeredness; show me Your Word, alive and real. In the turmoil and uncertainty of America’s “today,” remind us all to pray more and seek Your face. Be with our children and our schools. Send Your angelic covering to Israel and Your city, Jerusalem. And, dear King, bring Your perfect Kingdom to this flawed, faltering Earth. I love You! In Jesus’ name, Amen.**