# Discouragement – No New Thing

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#### Discouragement Illustrated

- Noah. 2 Pt.2:5
- Elijah. 1 K.19:1-4...14-18
- Jeremiah. 1:17-19
- Ezekiel. 2:5
- Jesus. Jn.6:26; 12:37-41, 42-43

#### Did Jesus fail? Jn.17:4

- Some people will not listen; they dislike the content. 2 Tim.4:3
- Results are in God's hands. Mt.7:14
- Not always easy . . .
  - Cities rejected Him, Mt.11:20-24
- Jesus prayed: 25-27
  - Jn.9:40-41

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### Hindered by . . .

- Society. 1 Th.2:18
- War. 1 Tim.2:1-2
- False religion. Lk.11:52
- Family. 1 Pt.1:18
- Work. Mt.22:5
- Worldliness. Lk.14:18-20
- Humanism. Jer.10:23
- Pessimism. Dt.1:28

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#### III. Dangers That Face Us

#### Fistful of dangers ... that we may . . .

- Quit trying.
  - If Jesus could not save everyone, neither can we
  - Paul, Ac.13:46-51
  - All we can do: sow the seed, Mt.13

- Quit trying.
- Quit trusting.
  - God. 1 Co.15:24-28
  - Gospel. Is.55:10-11

- Quit trying.
- Quit trusting.
- Quit teaching.
  - "Why are you doing this? ..."
  - Because . . .
    - 1. People need gospel.
    - 2. It always does good.
    - 3. Jesus said to.

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- Quit teaching.
- Quit thinking.
  - ls.55:8-9...
  - Ac.8:5, 8 . . . (26)

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- Quit thinking.
- Quit training.
  - Lord and disciples: Mt.17
  - Esther:
    - 1. 4: for such a time as this...
    - 2. 5: must act...
    - **3**. 6-7: courage