WHEN KINGDOMS COLLIDE:
Faithful When It Costs | Revelation 10:1–11:14
November 1, 2026

Message Summary.
Following Jesus can cost us comfort, approval, relationships, and opportunities. This passage challenges us to receive God's Word, speak about Jesus, and trust God with the outcome. We can obey what God has made clear while questions remain. Faithfulness may lead to suffering, but God holds our future, and even death cannot have the final word.

Key Scripture Summaries.
Revelation 10:1-7 | God rules over creation and will accomplish His purposes, even when He leaves some things unrevealed.
Revelation 10:8-11 | John eats the scroll and must prophesy again. Receiving God's message brings both sweetness and bitterness.
Revelation 11:1-6 | God knows His people and appoints His witnesses to proclaim His message amid opposition.
Revelation 11:7-14 | The witnesses are killed after completing their testimony, but God raises them and demonstrates His authority.
1 Peter 3:15 | Followers of Jesus should be ready to explain their hope with gentleness and respect.

Start Talking.
1. When has a "quick favor" turned into a much bigger commitment?
2. Before agreeing to something difficult, what do you usually want to know?
3. Why can it be hard to do the right thing when you cannot predict the outcome?

Start Thinking.
- Read Revelation 10:4 and Deuteronomy 29:29. How can we obey what God has revealed while living with questions?
- What might the scroll's sweetness and bitterness teach us about receiving and sharing God's Word?
- Read Revelation 11:3-6. What do you notice about the witnesses' calling and the authority God gives them?
- How does 1 Peter 3:15 shape the way we speak about Jesus when people disagree with us?
- Read Revelation 11:7-12. Why do the witnesses' deaths not mean they failed?
- What does this passage teach us about trusting God when obedience leads to suffering?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Start Sharing.
1. Which part of this week's message challenged or encouraged you most?
2. What part of God's Word do you find encouraging? What part is challenging how you want to live?
3. Where are you wanting a guarantee before obeying something Jesus has made clear?
4. Who needs to hear why Jesus matters to you? What fear makes that conversation difficult?
5. When have you done the right thing and still experienced loss? What helped you keep trusting God?
6. Where do you need support to stay faithful? How can our group stand beside you?

Start Praying.
Jesus, help us receive Your Word and allow it to change us. Give us courage to speak about You with gentleness and respect. When obedience is costly, help us trust You with the outcome. Strengthen those suffering because they follow You, and show us how to stand beside them. Thank You that Your resurrection gives us hope beyond death. Amen.

Start Doing.
- Read Revelation 10:1–11:14 this week. Ask: "What has God made clear, and what faithful step is He asking me to take?"
- Choose a step that agrees with Scripture and reflects Jesus's character. Decide when you will act.
- Tell a trusted Christian friend or someone in your group. Ask them to pray and follow up with you this week.