

WHAT DID YOU SEE?

Matthew 11:7-12

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- ⁷ As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings’ houses. ⁹ But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.

JOHN WAS UNCOMMON

- 1 Peter 2:9 - ⁹ But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light;

JOHN WAS FEARLESS

- Acts 4:13 - ¹³ Now when the men of the Sanhedrin (Jewish High Court) saw the confidence *and* boldness of Peter and John, and grasped the fact that they were uneducated and untrained [ordinary] men, they were astounded, and *began* to recognize that they had been with Jesus. (AMP)

JOHN WAS FEARLESS

- Ephesians 6:18-20 - ¹⁸praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— ¹⁹and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

JOHN WAS UNCOMPROMISING

- Romans 1:16 - ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
- Acts 20:27 - ²⁷ For I have not *shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. *Literally *avoided declaring*

JOHN WAS UNCOMPROMISING

- We are not diplomats but prophets, and our message is not a compromise but an ultimatum. – A.W. Tozer
- 2 Timothy 1:13-14 - ¹³ Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you. (NLT)

JOHN FACED ADVERSITY

- Hebrews 10:36-39 - ³⁶You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. ³⁷For, “In just a little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay.” ³⁸And, “But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.” ³⁹But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

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JOHN FACED ADVERSITY

- “God never uses anyone greatly until He tests them deeply.” – A.W. Tozer
- “There can never be crown wearers in heaven who were not cross bearers below” – C.H. Spurgeon

JOHN FACED ADVERSITY

- 2 Timothy 1:8-12 - ⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, ¹⁰but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, *who* has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. ¹²For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

JOHN WAS A SELLOUT (IN THE BEST WAY)

- I saw that giving even all my life to God (supposing it possible to do this and go no further) would profit me nothing unless I gave my heart, yea, all my heart, to Him – John Wesley

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- **2 Timothy 4:6-8 - ⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.**

- “God grant that I may never live to be useless!” – John Wesley
- “We do not wish to enter Heaven until our work is done, for it would make us uneasy if there were one single soul left to be saved by our means.” – C.H. Spurgeon