

## **Snake Advice**

Matthew 10:16-20

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*Matthew 10:16-20 (NKJV)*

16 “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. 17 But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. 18 You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. 19 But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; 20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

### **WHAT CAN A SNAKE TEACH US?**

#### **1. SHED THE \_\_\_\_\_**

*Ephesians 4:22-24 (ESV)*

22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

*Isaiah 43:18-19 (GW)*

18 Forget what happened in the past, and do not dwell on events from long ago. 19 I am going to do something new. It is already happening. Don't you recognize it? I will clear a way in the desert. I will make rivers on dry land.

*Philippians 3:13 (NCV)*

13 Brothers and sisters, I know that I have not yet reached that goal, but there is one thing I always do. Forgetting the past and straining toward what is ahead,

“Living for the future is more important than trying to avenge the past.” —Kentaro Miura

#### **2. SHED THE \_\_\_\_\_**

*Deuteronomy 20:8 (GW)*

8 The officers should also tell the troops, “If you are afraid or have lost your courage, you may go home. Then you won't ruin the morale of the other Israelites.”

#### **3. SHED THE “ONE DAY” \_\_\_\_\_**

*Psalms 19:2 (GW)*

2 One day tells a story to the next. One night shares knowledge with the next

*Psalms 22:29 (NCV)*

29 All the powerful people on earth will eat and worship. Everyone will bow down to him, all who will one day die.

*Psalm 84:10 (NIV)*

*10 Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.*

ANSWERS:

1. PAST
2. FEAR
3. SYNDROME