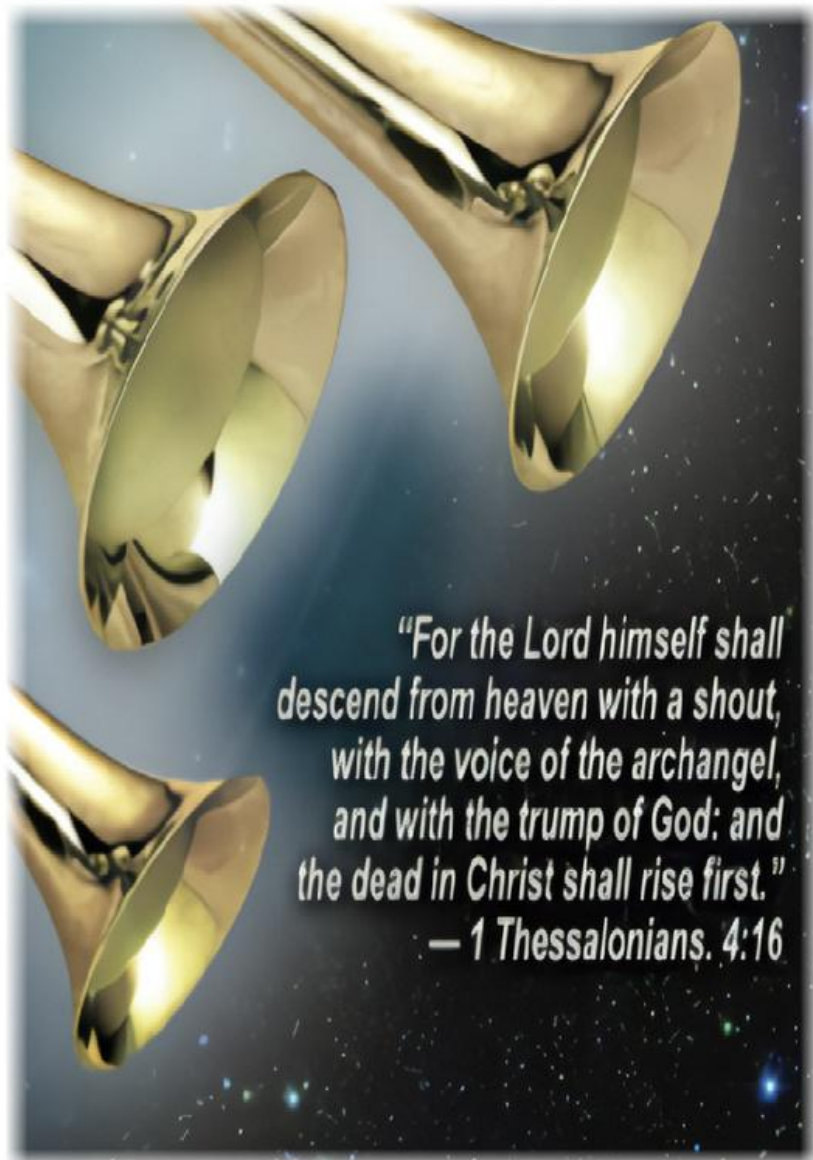


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*“For the Lord himself shall
descend from heaven with a shout,
with the voice of the archangel,
and with the trump of God: and
the dead in Christ shall rise first.”*

— 1 Thessalonians. 4:16

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

Evangelist/Pastor Barbara Lynch

Where have My True Followers gone to? Just as Peter hid in the crowd, some have already begun to recede into the background, afraid they will be recognized and targeted by the dark side. Children, when you join the Army of God, you are on the front line, with no thoughts of retreat. There is not a clause in My Word that tells you that you can retreat when the gross darkness covers the earth.

When you pick up your cross, it is all in or nothing. When My Son Jesus of Nazareth took up His cross, He carried it to the very end. What did Paul say about his cross?

The apostle Paul wrote extensively about the cross of Jesus Christ and its significance in his letters to the early Christian communities. In his letter to Galatians 6:14-16, he wrote, "May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." He also wrote, "I have been crucified with Christ."

In his letter to the Romans 6:1-4 Paul wrote that "all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death." He also wrote that "our old self was crucified with him" and that "you have died to the law through the body of Christ."

Paul was not ashamed of the cross. 1 Corinthians 1:18-19 (NKJV) For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

Paul believed that the cross held the key to salvation and ethics. He believed that just as Christ died and rose again, his followers may "crucify the flesh" and die to a life of sin. Romans 1:16 (MSG) It's news I'm most proud to proclaim, this extraordinary Message of God's powerful plan to rescue everyone who trusts him, starting with Jews and then right on to everyone else!

In summary, Paul saw the cross as a symbol of salvation and a way for Christians to die to their old selves and live a new life in Christ.

Today I am requiring you to take up your cross and follow me!

Matthew 16:24-26, Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?"

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In Luke 9:23, Jesus said to all, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."



Hell Loses Another One

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Hell Loses Another One: Reality Star and Tattoo Artist Baptized Into the Kingdom

All heaven is rejoicing because Satan has lost yet another soul.

Katherine von Drachenberg, a TV personality, tattoo artist, entrepreneur, and recording artist, has laid down the occult and given her life to Jesus, capping a long journey of personal change by getting baptized in water, as revealed by an Instagram video posted earlier this week.

Kat Von D, known for her work on the TLC reality television show LA Ink, renounced the occult and witchcraft last year. She has also long been known for her affinity toward all things Gothic.

Her transformation was made official with her immersion into baptismal water and captured on video on Instagram.

“Katherine von Drachenberg—upon your profession of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in obedience to His Divine command—I baptize you, my sister, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,” the pastor said before submerging Von D, draped in a white robe, symbolizing her being washed clean by the blood of Jesus. She joyfully hugged the pastor when she emerged from the water.

Many friends and family attended the baptism and were shown in the video worshipping from hymnals.

Movieguide® reported that von Drachenberg’s lifestyle transformation first began in 2020 when she sold her beauty brand and began covering her tattoos. Later that year, she and her family moved to Indiana to “escape California’s ‘terrible policies’ and ‘tyrannical government.’”

In 2022, Movieguide® reported that von Drachenberg threw out her books on witchcraft.

“Right now, it’s never been clearer to me that there is a spiritual battle taking place, and I want to surround myself and my family with love and light,” she said after she ditched her occult books.

In an Instagram post, she encouraged her social media followers—which includes 697,000 on YouTube, 1.6 million on Twitter, and 11 million on Facebook—to make “meaningful changes” in their lives.



The church is not a cruise ship where a handful of people serve everyone else who is relaxing.



Photo by Matthew Barra from Pexels

No, the church is a battleship where it's "all hands on deck" and everyone serves the mission.



THE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW

Reverend Naomi Nichols

The Good Samaritan law offers legal protection to someone who attempts to help a person they believe to be injured, ill, in peril or otherwise incapacitated. The law is intended to reduce a bystander's hesitation to assist someone for fear of being sued or prosecuted for unintentional injury or wrongful death. The purpose of this law is to encourage ordinary people to help someone in distress before the ambulance or police arrive.

The key to the Good Samaritan Law is acting:

1. In good faith
2. Not for compensation or looking for a fee
3. Without gross negligence or misconduct

The origin of the Good Samaritan law is from a Bible parable attributed to Jesus Christ. The parable, found in Luke 10:29-37, tells the story of a traveler from Samaria giving aid to another traveler who had been beaten and robbed by bandits.

Common examples of Good Samaritan situations include someone experiencing chest pain or someone falls and hits their head on a sidewalk. It also includes if someone goes into Cardiac Arrest and you know CPR, you should immediately start CPR and use an AED if one is available. Also, if you witness an overdose and you have Narcan, you should use it to stop the effect of the opiate. This law encourages bystanders to help people using first aid without fear of their actions inadvertently contribute to further injury or death.

Once a person starts providing first aid, he should not leave the scene until a more qualified rescuer takes over. You will have valuable information to pass on to the rescuer:

*Did you see the whole incident

*How was the victim hurt

*Did the victim complain of any pain

*What first aid actions did you use (stopping the bleeding)

The law does not expect a person to put himself in harm's way in order to help another person.

Don't be afraid to help someone who needs CPR or First Aid, even if it is just calling 911. Immediate action by bystanders is critical in any emergency. Seconds are often a matter of life and death.

Consider the fact
that maybe God closed
that door because He
knew you are worth so
much more.



Humility (part 3)

by Theresa McGinnis

We ended last week talking about pride, this is where we will pick back up because so many people have a problem with pride.

Pride has its root and strength in a terrible spiritual power, outside of us as well as within us. The hopeless struggle against the workings of self and pride within us may, indeed, become still more hopeless as we think of the power of darkness behind it all. But eventually, we must realize and accept the power and life outside of ourselves- the humility of heaven, as brought down by the lamb of God to cast out satan and his pride.

You only have to look at the first Adam to know the power of sin within us. But when we look at the second Adam- or Christ- we will see His power to give within us a life of humility as real and abiding as has been that of pride.

We have our life from and in Christ. We are to walk "rooted in Him", "holding fast the head from which all the whole body increaseth with the increase of God." (Colossians 2:7, 19) The life of God, which in the incarnation entered human nature, is the root in which we are to stand and grow. It is the same almighty power that worked there, and from then on to the resurrection, which works daily in us.

Our one need is to study and know and trust the life that has been revealed in Christ as the life that is now ours. It waits for our consent to gain possession and mastery of our whole being.

When we look at it in this view, it is important to know who Christ is. We need to know what His chief characteristic is- it is His humility. He emptied Himself out of His kingship to become a mere man. He took the form of a servant to the point that "He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death." And what was His ascension and His glory, but humility that was exalted back to His throne and crowned with glory. "He humbled Himself, wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him."

Everything from His very beginning, starting in heaven when He was with His Father, His human birth and His life as a man, His death and ascension- it is all, it is nothing, but humility.

Christ is the humility of God embodied in human nature. He is eternal love humbling itself, clothing itself in the garb of meekness and gentleness, to win and serve and save us. Even in the midst of the throne, He is the meek and lowly Lamb of God.

If humility is the root of the tree, its nature must be seen in every branch, leaf and fruit. If humility is the first, the all-inclusive grace of the life of Jesus, the secret of His atonement- then the health and strength of our spiritual life will entirely depend upon our putting this grace first, too. We must make humility the chief thing we ask of Him, the thing for which we sacrifice all else.

We must seek a humility which will rest with nothing less than the end and death of self.

Conditions & Promises

Sis Grace Crescenzo

Many Scriptures have conditions and consequences *or* promises to guide us. God, in His mercy and grace provides this Holy map for our lives to show us His ways. He also provides His Holy Spirit to live in our spirit, reminding us of these Words, as we put them into our spirit.

HE also provides the power to achieve the promises that the Words speaks, as we call upon Him, surrender, repent, submit, and rely on Him! HE has given/provided all. We have a choice each day/each moment what & Who we will submit to and serve.

As we pray & meditate on Psalm 91, I pray we will be continually aware of the conditions that we must meet to bring about the expected end and assurance of these promises given by God.

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, shall remain stable and fixed under the Shadow of the Almighty (Whose power no foe can withstand).

I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean *and* rely, and in Him I (confidently) trust!

For (then) He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence.

(Then) He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings, show you trust *and* find refuge; His truth *and* His faithfulness are a shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of the terror of the night, nor of the arrow (the evil plots and slanders of the wicked), the flies by day.

Nor of the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor of the destruction *and* sudden death that's surprise *and* waste at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not come near you.

Only a spectator shall you be (yourself inaccessible in the secret place of the Most High) as you witness the reward of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High God your dwelling place,

There shall no evil befall you, nor any plague *or* calamity come near your tent.

For He will give his angels (especial) charge over you to accompany *and* defend *and* preserve you in all your ways (of obedience, and service).

They shall bear you up on their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion, and the serpent shall you trample underfoot.

Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he knows *and* understands My name (has a personal knowledge of My mercy, love, and kindness---trusts and relies on Me, knowing I will never forsake him, no, never).

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation.

Normalizing Demonic Activity

Evangelist Kathryn Gore

If you are like me, you've reached the point of frustration when it comes to normalizing demonic activity. The world takes what is dark and considers it to be normal, condoning the behavior of dark spirits. The things that are normal to the church (benefits/source of help) for the people, the world takes it and magnifies it to make the church look spooky and scary (**The Exorcist movies**).

Recently I witnessed odd behavior in a toddler that I knew with everything inside of me was demonic. When mentioning my concern to the parents, they downplayed it. Later I found that the parents were concerned as well, but they didn't know what to do about it. After the parents did research online, they were relieved to hear the behavior was normal. When hearing this, I thought no way! This is a spirit that has possessed this toddler, and something needs to be done.

I then found out that the same behavior that was displayed in the toddler also showed in the mother from her early childhood. The parents suggested that things needed to be taken from the child to help manage the life of the child. When hearing this, it further confirmed that a spirit is at work that was passed down from generation.

This made me angry. The devil does not play fair. This is a spirit who invaded a toddler to destroy the purity that God has given them. To see it manifesting in a strong way and the toddler having no control over it, knowing the mother and father are limited in understanding to help this child deeply disturbed me.

I knew I could only do so much, but I prayed to God to help set this toddler free. It's not right what the enemy does to innocent children, but doors are open from the parents who live outside of the Lord. Regardless of this truth, I'm still praying and fighting for the freedom this child deserves.

The demonic activity has increased, and it is shown throughout the world. People who don't know the Lord are not going to understand that we have a real enemy to fight. It's only God who can save, heal, and deliver. He is our only hope.

Keep your eyes and ears open to the things around you. Seek God's face and pray against the demonic activity that lives amongst us. God has given us power and authority over the enemy. Decree and declare freedom for those who are bound. It may not be an instant change but keep praying until you feel a release in your spirit.

1 Peter 5:8- Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 Thessalonians 5:17- Pray without ceasing,

Luke 10:19- Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

1 Corinthians 1:18- For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

WHEN THE TRUMPET SOUNDS



Reaping the Long-Term Effects of False Hope

Reverend Christopher Gore

The Church is not ready for what is about to happen in America. God has been speaking to His true prophets for years that there is going to be war on American soil. The days of this war are here. The "Head in the sand" mentality that has destroyed the Church is going to be exposed for what it really is, "False Hope".

"False Hope" does nothing but delay truth from being seen and heard. Leaders in the Church are consistently wearied by moans and groans of the multitude of "whining" Saints who crave "False Hope". They moan, groan, and complain about every little thing. "It's too hard, I can't do this, I will never make it." They are constantly crying out "encourage me, encourage me" when they should be crying out, "I need to be prepared for what is really about to happen".

You're not going to be able to blame your leader for your inability to follow God. The truth has been released and if you chose not to receive that truth it is not the leader's fault it is your own. There is a harsh reality coming. If you did not prepare yourself for the grim realities of the darkness that we are currently living in you are in for a rude awakening. That awakening will come through some extreme grief and sorrow.

You are going to hear the words that your leader spoke to you. You will be reminded of the things that they taught you and that you did not put into practice. The sorrow is going to turn into regret because it would have been much simpler for you just to do as you were instructed. The crazy part is that you're still going to have to do it anyway. However, it's going to occur under extreme stress and much more extreme pressures. You could have learned to manage life under less difficult circumstances, and you would have built up the necessary strength to make it in this hour. But you refused to do this. You settled for "False Hope".

"False Hope" is a bitter poison. It prolongs the process of death. Death to self, death to ignorance, death to self-pity. No one is coming to rescue you. If you didn't learn this by now you must grab yourself by the bootstraps, grit your teeth, and push forward. If you don't do this, you are as good as dead. The animosity that is about to hit the atmosphere against leaders will be unprecedented. Leaders will have to guard themselves from the waves of wrath that the people will send their way. This time period of great darkness will embolden those who are not fully committed to Christ. They will feel empowered to point the finger of blame at those who spoke the truth.

Truth will bring the vindication that is needed for these leaders but the pain and suffering that is about to commence will be on a scale that few are ready to comprehend. This will be the end of all compromise within the church. God has said on many different occasions that He has dropped His Plumb line. Let the separation and division occur. Only you can determine where you will be as the axe is laid to the root. Whether you call it awakening, revival, pruning, or even shaking the Church is being judged. The Remnant is being judged. Ready or not here He comes. Your "False Hope" will not save you.

God's Timing is Perfect

Reverend Astrid Sherriff

Many times, we wonder about God's timing, how to do things, and how to do them. In Psalm 31:5 Into your hands I commend my spirit; deliver me, LORD, God of truth. God, in all circumstances, frees us and is with us in our most difficult moments; he never fails us.

I remember that when I was on the MSC Divina cruise, He already had a predestined plan, and, in each country, I went to minister or anointed with oil in every area He entrusted to me. Listening to God's voice is key. It helps us discern His plan and how to do everything.

2 Peter 3:8-9 But do not forget, dear brethren, that for the Lord a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like a day. 9 The Lord soon fulfills his promise, as some understand it. You will be set apart from the people and live among the beasts of the field; you will eat grass like cattle.

Daniel 4:32 Seven years will pass until you recognize that the Most High is the one who rules over all the kingdoms of the world and gives them to whom he wills." God does not Delay. Rather, he has patience with you because he does not want anyone to perish but for everyone to repent.

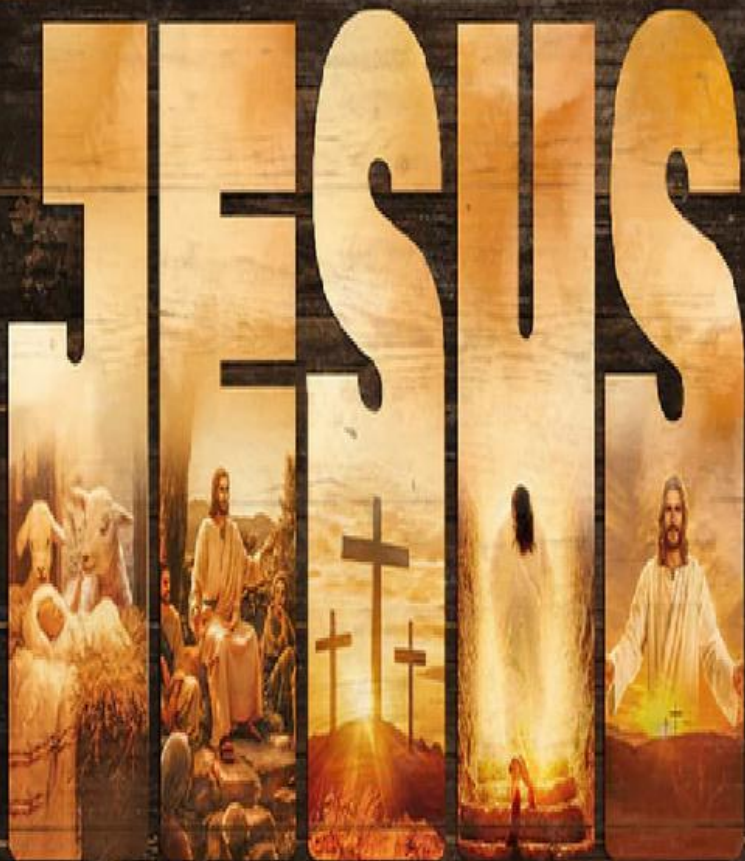
God loves us and makes everything perfect. In Daniel, he was told to wait for answers to his prayers, and King Nebuchadnezzar recognized the Most High as sovereign God. God, you make kings and remove kings. Their plans are perfect.

Intellectually we may know that God's timing is perfect, but when He makes us wait, or when we feel He is not helping us in our difficulties, we may doubt. However, the Bible shows that God is the master of time and acts at just the right time—everything God does is for our good!

God is eternal. God exists outside of time because He created it, and He is not limited by it. This is something we still struggle to understand with our time-limited minds. However, God is a master of time. You could even say that he is the master of melodramatic time, sometimes waiting until the last minute. But he does this for our sake so that we may grow in faith. God's timing allows us to practice faith and gives us a foundation to strengthen it.

God doesn't judge anything prematurely, and He doesn't want us to. This is how the apostle Paul explained: "Therefore, judge nothing before your time, until the Lord comes, who will also clarify the hidden darkness, and manifest the intentions of hearts; and then shall every man receive his praise from God" (1 Corinthians 4:5). When we go through trials, we can feel fragile and desperately plead with God as David did: "It is time to act, O Lord, for they have invalidated your law" (Psalm 119:126).

Our merciful God understands our impatience and how fleeting our life is. But He gives us answers and teaches us about His times and why humanly speaking, He seems to be lagging behind. When we try harder to see things from God's perspective, then we receive His strength, which helps us understand His will in a better way and do what is pleasing before Him. "Do not lose your confidence, which has great reward; for patience is necessary for you, so that, having done the will of God, you may obtain the promise. For even a little bit, and he that is to come shall come, and shall not be long" (Hebrews 10:35-37). "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, that is, to those who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).



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The Word Works

Reverend Aaron Betz

2 Corinthians 3: 17-18 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into His image with intensifying glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

This work of transformation is very specific to each of us. Consider each of these things that are part of the transformation process: Trials and Tribulations, Prophetic Words, Life Scriptures, and any other scripture that the Holy Spirit highlights to you. A life scripture is a verse, verses, or even a book of the Bible that includes the full scope of your destiny. Your life scripture is full of short and long term promises for you. Besides this, there are also scriptures that the Holy Spirit will reveal to you that is meant to unlock your identity in Christ. It is important to have a ready ear to where God leads you in His Word.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it pierces even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

As we take in God's Word, we are allowing it to judge the things in us. This includes our attitudes, perceptions, and all things that have to do with how we are wired internally. We can rely on scripture to address the various issues in our life. issues in our life- the bible has many different scriptures that can deal with many different things. God has also given us diverse prophetic promises. We need to learn how to use both of these together. A perfect work comes from using both the Logos and Rhema word of God.

It is important for us to combine these in order to see true fruitfulness. They are each meant to unlock parts of our being into higher levels of freedom and they work to release revelation from deep within our being.

As the Word is released inside of us through our hearing of it, we must also release it through speaking it out. This completes the circuit and lets the Word of God go everywhere and do everything it was meant to do.

We can see the work of the Logos in Isaiah 55: 11, NKJV : So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

We can see the work of Rhema in 1 Corinthians 14: 24-25, BSB : But if an unbeliever or uninstructed person comes in while everyone is prophesying, he will be convicted and called to account by all, 25and the secrets of his heart will be made known. So he will fall facedown and worship God, proclaiming, "God is truly among you!"

Autumn Blessings

Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up. GALATIANS 6:9

The End Times

Reverend Brett Connell

[Matthew 24:3-8] 3 Later, Jesus was sitting at a place on the Mount of Olives. The followers came to be alone with him. They said, "Tell us when these things will happen. And what will happen to prepare us for your coming and the end of time?" 4 Jesus answered, "Be careful! Don't let anyone fool you.

5 Many people will come and use my name. They will say, 'I am the Messiah.' And they will fool many people. 6 You will hear about wars that are being fought. And you will hear stories about other wars beginning. But don't be afraid. These things must happen before the end comes.

7 Nations will fight against other nations. Kingdoms will fight against other kingdoms. There will be times when there is no food for people to eat. And there will be earthquakes in different places. 8 These things are only the beginning of troubles, like the first pains of a woman giving birth. (ERV)

We are in the end-time dispensation. However, no one knows the exact day or hour when Jesus will return in the rapture. Our focus shouldn't be upon His return, but rather what we do in the meantime. God has been giving us assignments and direction to navigate the path forward, and He's been working to get us in a place where we can effectively serve Him in that capacity.

Self-doubt is a nagging thing, and it has the potential to cripple the plan and purpose God has for us. While it is always a good thing to check ourselves and inspect our thoughts and actions, we must do so properly. We should balance our knowledge that we're human and will make mistakes, with the fact that we can trust God to direct our lives and see us through.

[Matthew 24:9-14] 9 "Then you will be arrested and handed over to be punished and killed. People all over the world will hate you because you believe in me. 10 During that time many believers will lose their faith. They will turn against each other and hate each other.

11 Many false prophets will come and cause many people to believe things that are wrong. 12 There will be so much more evil in the world that the love of most believers will grow cold. 13 But the one who remains faithful to the end will be saved. 14 And the Good News I have shared about God's kingdom will be told throughout the world. It will be spread to every nation. Then the end will come. (ERV)

It is my personal opinion that the glory of God must come and permeate the world, and then we'll see billions saved in the great harvest – and in this process we'll see the Gospel preached in every land, to every person. But instead of looking for the end, let's look at the present.



Part 2 Other Stains You May Encounter – Easy Ways To Remove Them

Nancy Connell

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Lipstick – hair spray

Mist the stain with a hair spray then let it sit for 10 minutes and then dab it down with a wet cloth to remove any residue.

Foundation – shaving cream

The best product to remove foundation stains is to use shaving cream. Dampen the stain with cold water and apply shaving cream directly onto the stain. Rub the stain gently using your fingers or a soft toothbrush. The shaving cream should help loosen up the stain and then laundry as usual.

Lipstick stain – Nail polish remover

Apply nail polish remover to the area and scrub it with an old toothbrush, rinse it off with cold water and blot dry. You can also spray the stain with diluted dish soap and use a toothbrush to work into the stain.

Perfume stain – vinegar

Apply the stain with a solution of equal parts glycerine and water, leave it to soak for up to an hour, then wash as normal. Mix equal parts of vinegar and water and gently dab the stain so the entire area is covered. Let it on for few mins and rinse off.

Deodorant – hydrogen peroxide

Combine 1/2 cup dish soap and 1 cup hydrogen peroxide in a small bowl. Stir to combine. Apply it on the stain and sprinkle a bit of baking soda over the area. Use a brush to scrub gently on the stain, wash the cloth after an hour.

SWEAT STAIN – lemon juice

A simple and affordable solution for cleaning sweat-stains is to mix equal parts of lemon juice and water and rub it on the affected area. For tough stains, use baking soda mixed with lemon juice to scrub away the stain. Use a soft brush to gently lift the stain and wash in a regular cycle.

And if,

It's Whispers of Positivity

when it is all over
I am asked,
what I did with my
life
I want to be able to
say-
'I offered love.'





*Be prepared!
Soon the Trumpet
will sound!!*



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