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When Will This End?

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In these unpredictable times, I often get asked, as a pastor, if I believe the "end" is near. I understand

the intention of the question. In a world of chaos, we all wonder when Jesus will return to restore order to this broken world. However, I am concerned that too many times this conversation is filled with fear, and as followers of Christ this is simply unacceptable.

The Bible reminds us that *God* has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV). As I have been reading the book of Revelation, I have been reminded that it was written to a group of people like us. They needed hope in a fear-filled world. In response John writes to encourage them with four big ideas:

We do not need to be afraid in difficult times (Revelation 1:17).

We should not be surprised by crazy world events (Revelation 2:10).

We should never give up doing good (Revelation 14:12).

We can have hope, no matter how bad it gets (Revelation 21:1-2).

So, my encouragement for you today is to let faith crush any fear in your life. No matter what you read or see on the news today, you can have confidence that God is in control and that He is working all things together for good (Romans 8:28). He is coming again. Until that great day, let us spend our time spreading the Good News that He is alive!

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Chronic pain relief without opioids



There is hope for your chronic pain!

hose suffering with chronic pain know the misery of unproductive days and sleepless nights. While painkillers offer hope, they come with the looming danger of addiction. For this reason, therapist Linda Mintle joined physician James Kribs to offer alternative solutions.

In their book *Living Beyond Pain*, they address the physical, mental and spiritual aspects of pain, providing alternative strategies that don't rely on opioids. They say it is possible to improve symptoms by reprogramming neurologic pathways.

"Certainly, the patients who relate to their pain and to their life in a positive way and submitting it to God have done much better," said Dr. Kribs.

Sometimes people dwell on negative or even catastrophic thoughts. These are fears of the worst possible outcome. They say these thoughts can and should be replaced with more positive ones.

"Here's a good example," Dr. Mintle explained. "I can't get out of bed today. I can't get up.' You can say, 'I feel the pain today, but I'm going to do it slowly. I'm going to move, and I'm going to get myself out and get that first step."

Another tool to help focus on the positive involves listing what you are thankful for in a daily gratitude journal. "What that does," explained Dr. Kribs, "it activates different parts of your brain that are separate from the areas causing pain. You are actually starting to rewrite and rewire those areas so you're having less pain."

The pair also suggests a plant-based diet to reduce inflammation, along with hobbies and social activities that help distract from the pain. Dr. Kribs said those who struggle the most are those who make pain their primary focus.

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LOOKING UNTO JESUS ... WHO FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING THE SHAME, AND HAS SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD.

~ Hebrews 12:2 nkjv

JESUS — The Author and Finisher of Our Faith

> by GORDON ROBERTSON President and CEO, CBN

Last year on Good Friday, I was awakened with the thought that I should look up Hebrews 9:6. So I opened my Bible and read, *Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services.*

I wondered what it meant—and then I saw the relationship to Good Friday.

On the very day that the Son of God was offering Himself as the sacrifice for all people for all time, the priests were still performing their service in the Temple. They didn't realize that there was a complete change of Temple service and the abolition of sacrifice. It's almost like they didn't get the memo. And for about 37 more years, those priests continued to perform their rituals.

This was after all the tremendous miracles that happened on Good Friday. The veil in the Temple was torn in two from the top to bottom. There was a great earthquake, graves opened, and people were raised from the dead. Then on the third day, Jesus Himself arose from the grave and appeared to people numerous times.

Even so, the priests kept up their routines, not realizing everything had changed—until Titus surrounded Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple in A.D. 70, and the daily sacrifices ceased.

Today, as we see the immense changes in our nation and the world, we need to understand the seriousness of the times. Let's not be like the Temple priests, performing our routines without recognizing what is truly happening.

Yes, our world is changing, yet God still calls us to preach the Gospel and reach out to the suffering. The key is to depend on Him, and He will give us the insights, ideas and ability to meet new challenges.

It's interesting to consider that the whole Temple service was to eliminate the sins that were done unwittingly. Yet what justifies people before God is that the righteous live by faith, and this is declared under both the old and new covenants (Habakkuk 2:4 and Romans 1:17). And righteousness by faith is what gets us through.

As Hebrews 11:1 tells us, *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* How do we get this faith? Hebrews 12:2 states it simply: *Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

So let Jesus be your faith. Don't try to drum it up or pray it down. Just look to Him—because if you have Jesus, you have all the faith that you need. He is the author and the finisher. God's Word assures us in 2 Timothy 2:13 that even when we are faithless, He remains faithful, because He cannot deny Himself.

In the middle of any turbulence, we have Jesus. That means we have all we need, and we have the wonderful promise in Philippians 4:13, *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*.

Don't let your circumstances distract you. When you look at the wind and waves, you start to sink. But when you start looking at Jesus, you start to arise and you can walk on water.

Remember, we have this wonderful new covenant made with the blood of Jesus Christ. When we hold onto Him, we can go through every difficulty knowing that He is with us and His righteous right hand will uphold us. God bless you.

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A Heart Test



by Lorie Hartshorn Co-Host, The 700 Club Canada

How's your heart these days? Jesus talks a lot about our hearts. In Mark 4:1-20, He tells the parable of the farmer who scattered seed on four types of ground. This represents our heart's response to God's Word.

Here's a little test to see which kind of soil/heart you most identify with.

When I hear God's Word, I:

- 1. Hear it but it does not affect me
- 2. Hear it and initially receive it but when trouble comes, I don't believe it anymore
- 3. Hear it but the worries of this life and desire for other things are more important
- 4. Hear it and receive it as God's truth, letting it sink deeply into my mind and heart

Be really honest. Which number represents your heart? I hope you were able to pick #4 because Jesus tells us that there are great results when our hearts are open. Here's



what He says, in Mark 4:20: But the seed sown on good soil represents those who open their hearts to receive the Word and their lives bear good fruit—some yield a harvest of thirty, sixty, even one hundred times more than was sown! (TPT)

Having a heart that is open, teachable and obedient to the Word of God is key to a life of continually bearing good fruit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. This fruit isn't just for you to enjoy but it multiplies itself in the lives of others! It's an amazing kingdom principle.

Pray: "Lord Jesus, I renounce the world, my own flesh and the devil. I open my heart to receive the Word of truth and I welcome You to grow lots of fruit in me as a result. Amen."

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