

## More Than Mere Survival

### **The Church is *not* in mere survival mode**

Apostolic, Pentecostal preachers are not hiding in the shadows, wringing their hands in despair, weeping over the course of current events. We are not afraid, living in fear, nor are we preaching a doomsday message of hopelessness in light of our present world's circumstances. At least we shouldn't be.

### **We are the Church**

We are the children of the victorious and mighty, Mighty God. There is no foe; there is no entity that can separate us from our Great and powerful God. "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 8:38-39

Our fear is not for those who can slay our mortal bodies. We fear no one but God, who alone has the power to both kill and to cast into hell. (see Luke 12:4-5)

Are we concerned? Of course we are. Are we worried? We shouldn't be. This is the hour of greatest importance ever in our lives. We are approaching the time of the greatest display of power to ever be seen in the history of the world.

We don't serve a weak, anemic, or fatalistic God, and His Church is not inert, flat-lined, or anywhere near life-support conditions. "...If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?" - Romans 8:31

There is too much unfinished business. There are cities to be taken and captives to be set free. If one means of evangelism is blocked, we've got to find other ways. Think outside of the proverbial box, but never, ever compromise the pure message of the Gospel and our Apostolic doctrine.

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”

- Romans 8:35-37

We haven't known the peril of the early church brethren. Nor have we seen the peril of the prophesied future, but we can never stop. We can never slow down, and we can never bow.

“...O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.”

- Daniel 3:16-18

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