

No Time for Timid Faith



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Take a look at the current condition of our nation and the world. What do you see? Christ's prophecy is being fulfilled before our very eyes: "On the earth distress of nations, with perplexity ... men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken" (Luke 21:25-26).

Paul also speaks of this time: "When they say, 'Peace and safety!' then sudden destruction comes upon them" (1 Thessalonians 5:3). Paul is describing a people who live smugly and securely, boasting, "We've achieved success and peace. Everything is going along just fine." Yet, at the very moment people feel most secure, destruction comes. Suddenly, the security they cherished vanishes and society is overwhelmed by fear.

Yet we are not to fear. Paul told the Thessalonians they were being preserved in spirit, soul and body (see 5:23). God's purpose behind it all is to "fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power" (2 Thessalonians 1:11). Paul was saying, "You're being called to fulfill a work of faith — not a silent faith but one that demonstrates the power of Christ."

This is not a time for timid faith! Our Captain is calling us to stand up in the midst of a fearful society and engage in "power faith." We are to make the declaration: "God sent me before you to ... save your lives by a great deliverance" (Genesis 45:7).

Our Lord is not surprised by anything happening today. When the world is reeling from disasters, with sorrows mounting on all sides, God will be calling forth faithful soldiers who have been trained for battle. These devoted men and women have endured trials and emerged with a sure faith. The power of God rests on them. Such power may not be seen on a grand scale; it may be seen only in simple ways: a quiet spirit, a smile in a sea of frowns; a rest of soul, mind and body as others tremble.

All ministry comes from communion with the Father, so diligently seek him in prayer. Truly, you are called forth as a member of his company for such a time as this.

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