

Week 24

Joel 2 Lifestyle



*Strengthening Ourselves to Be
the Light*



Rev 3:2-3

*Be watchful, and strengthen the
things that remain...*

*Remember therefore how you
have received and heard, hold
fast and repent...*



The Bible promises that there will be a unique dynamic in the last days. As darkness gets darker, light will get brighter. The Church will arise in God's light to shine like stars, leading many to righteousness.

Does this happen automatically? Will the Church suddenly become God's light at the flip of a switch in the time of greatest darkness? Certainly not. There is a preparation process that is required! And the preparation starts now.

We must strengthen ourselves so that we can stand. One of the key words of the Lord for this season comes from Revelation 3:2-3. We must be watchful and strengthen what has become weak. We must re-lay and strengthen our very core foundation.



As a Church, we must go back to the centrality of the Word, knowing the truth rightly and understanding it with clarity. We must put Jesus in the center, choosing intimacy with Him, loving Him wholeheartedly, and living out a lifestyle of prayer.

Storms are coming. Whether we stand or fall when storms come will depend solely on the foundations that we build now! We must take time to build our foundation upon the Rock and the values that Jesus emphasized on. If we do so, we will be able to stand firm against whatever comes our way - be it rain, floods or storms.

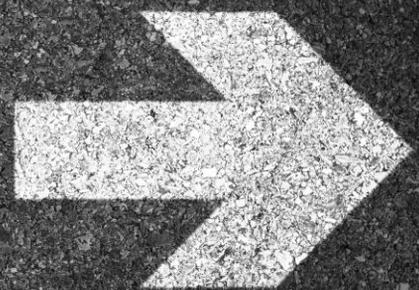
Hence, the choices and decisions we make now are critical. They will determine who we will become, whether we will shine and how brightly we will burn for Jesus!

What we choose today will determine who we are tomorrow.

We can choose to be the holy and blameless children of God even in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. Or we can choose to go with the flow, be nice and popular, hide our lamp under the basket and take the wide and easy path that will eventually lead to destruction.

What will you choose? Who do you want to become?

Do you want to stand firm on the Rock and shine when the storm comes? Or will you take the easy way now and be swept away when the storm comes? Now is the hour to make your choice.





Even now, we can start working and training our spiritual muscles. We can choose to walk in God's ways even when the world disagrees with us or calls us foolish. We can overcome by leaning on His grace and empowerment. Start by enduring the little pressures and criticisms that come with walking in righteousness and living without compromise in our daily life. As we keep strengthening spiritual muscles, there will come a point in time when we will be strong enough to be able to withstand the storms, floods and shakings when they come.

If we are faithful in walking this out, we will eventually mature to become the beacons of light that shine brightly in the midst of darkness. Yes, we will truly shine like the stars, showing the way and leading many to righteousness!



Readings and Prayers for the week

Readings for Week 24

Read through Philippians 2:14-15. Share with God the struggles you face in school or at work as you live in the midst of increasing perversion and wickedness in the world. Ask Him to highlight areas in which you have been living in compromise, bring these to God in repentance and ask Him for wisdom and grace to live differently.

Prayers for Week 24

Use Revelation 3:2-3 to pray for God to strengthen us and the Church in intimacy with the Lord, in prayer and in our understanding of the Word.

Pray for the youths and young adults, using 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17, that they will be rooted in His Word and in His truth. Pray that they will walk in His righteousness, choosing God's ways over the ways of the world.