

Prepare — Raise the Bar

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Prepare for the End Time Harvest

“The most wicked generation and the most righteous generation sharing the world stage together as we approach the time of the King’s return. Seven words out of Jesus’ end-time parable of the wheat and the weeds have changed the way I look at the future: Let both grow together until the harvest.”

Believers need to be challenged and encouraged in Jesus “to embrace trouble, hardship, persecution, or even martyrdom, as we move into our destiny of becoming the most powerful, Godly, mature body of believers the world has ever known. Righteousness is ripening. That’s the promise of the King!”¹

1. Matthew 13:30

- parable of the wheat and the tares
- master says, “let them both grow together until the harvest”
- wheat will be gathered together in the barn; tares will be burned
 - growing together in the End Times
 - most righteous generation
 - most wicked generation

2. Listen to the Right Report!

- listen to the Caleb’s and Joshua’s of our generation
 - those who see the dangers, but know that God will be victorious
- don’t listen to the ten spies who only saw giants
- that’s not who we are
- big God inside of us
- destiny as most radical generation on face of the earth
 - may be persecuted, tortured
 - will shine like stars in middle of dire persecution

3. God’s plan for character development

- path to destiny may be heartache, persecution, tribulation
- Hebrews 12:7-15
 - endure hardship as discipline
- 2 Corinthians 12:10
 - delight in insults, hardships, persecutions, difficulties

4. Trial, troubles, tribulations

- more Christians persecuted today than ever before
- we in America will not be exempt
- any Christian who has ever stood up to torture has been filled with the Holy Spirit
 - the same Holy Spirit will fill you
 - anything that has ever been done in the name of Jesus can be done by you
 - not about you, your mind, your energy, your emotion
 - Holy Spirit transforms your will

¹ Don Finto, *Prepare for the End-time Harvest*, (Nashville, Tennessee, Caleb Publications, 2015), back cover

5. Raising the bar

- John 14:12
 - believe beyond yourself
 - go after everything that God has for you
- ordinary Christians have no power to push through the hard times
- need to be strong enough to weather any storm
 - Read the Word
 - Pray the Word
 - Wrestle with God for the Victory
 - Call on Jesus
 - Walk in the Spirit
 - Live in Community

**An in-depth study of this topic is found in
Prepare for the End-time Harvest, by Don Finto
www.CalebPublications.org**

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever thought of yourself as part of the “most righteous generation”? How can that awareness affect the way you actually live your life?
2. Why is it so easy today to listen to those who “see only the giants” in the land? Why is it harder to hear the Joshua’s and Caleb’s?
3. To what degree have you learned to “embrace” hardships and difficulties? Has it helped you to grow spiritually?
4. Discuss the validity of the statement, “Anything that has ever been done by anyone in the past — in the name of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit — can be done by you today.”
5. Read John 14:12. What is Jesus saying?
6. Is it hard for you to “believe beyond yourself? To “go after everything God has for you?”
7. What steps can you take to Raise the Bar in your own life?
8. Define “living in community.” Are you part of a living community?

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