

7/6/23 Daybreak Gathering

Assignment:

Read article: [Soldier of Hope](#)

Try to make time to review the questions below prior to the Gathering.

Group Discussion Questions:

### **Bad News Alert**

It's only going to get worse. :(

- 1) What does this statement do to your level of hope?
- 2) How can we hold on to hope even knowing it will only get worse?

The closer the devil gets to his foretold end, the more his demonic activity is going to ramp up and his attacks intensify.

- 1) Read 1 Peter 5:8. Should we be surprised by this intensifying activity?
- 2) Discuss the evidence you see of demonic activity ramping up in the world.
- 3) What are some ways you see it near your own life and family?

### **Loss of Hope**

Hopelessness can turn catastrophic in the life of a believer and allow the devil's predictable opposition to become unforeseen oppression.

- 1) Share an example of how opposition has become oppression in your own life?
- 2) How was that oppression eventually lifted? Do you have specific Bible verses that were particularly helpful?
- 3) Besides the principles covered in this and the previous article, discuss additional ways we can maintain or regain our hope during a seemingly hopeless season.

### **Armor of God**

\*\*\*In your quiet time preparing for the Gathering discussion, read Ephesians 6:10-18.

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.” (Ephesians 6:10-11)

- 1) What are some ways you personally “put on the full armor” each day?

- 2) How can our frequent return to this fundamental training be beneficial?
- 3) Discuss Ephesians 6:12 as it applies to our current world.
- 4) What benefits does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 express we find in the Word of God?

### **Stand Our Ground**

When demonic opposition leans toward actual oppression, I recognize that something has happened to give the enemy ground. I've done something or allowed something in that has stolen my hope or peace or joy.

- 1) How can taking a spiritual and physical inventory of our lives help to get us back on track when we are facing a time of hopelessness or oppression?
- 2) What are some examples of spiritual disciplines?
- 3) Discuss how Jesus being at the core of each spiritual discipline strengthens our walk of faith.
- 4) In what areas of the "disciplines" do you need the most discipline?

### **Tame our Minds**

"What soldier can have an untamed mind and still be victorious in battle?"

- 1) Do you feel you have an untamed mind?
- 2) In what areas do you feel most vulnerable to attack? Examples might include doubts, fears, distractions, temptations, etc.
- 3) How can you better keep up your guard to protect your mind?
- 4) Read Romans 12:2 and 2 Corinthians 10:5. How do these two verses apply to the topic of taming our minds?

### **On the Move**

When active in ministry, we will certainly have a target on our backs, but if we keep our feet marching in ministry and remain a moving target, a flaming arrow will far less likely make its mark than if we are standing still.

- 1) What keeps you "on the move" and in service to others?
- 2) How can service to others sustain or renew your hope?

### **Gain More Ground**

One offensive and defensive measure that Roman soldiers employed to gain ground was to lock arms with other soldiers, often in threes, as they advanced across the battlefield. The two on the ends would hold up their shields to protect the trio from frontal assault, while the center soldier would hold his shield overhead to protect them from arrows above.

- 1) How does the example above of soldiers locking arms correlate to us gathering with and supporting other believers?
- 2) Read Hebrews 10:25. Discuss specific ways we can encourage one another as we see “the day” drawing near?
- 3) In what ways, other than our Thursday Gatherings, do you make it a point to assemble with believers?
- 4) Do you struggle with your local church due to inadequate preaching and teaching on the current state of our world and nearness to the rapture?

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“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.” (Hebrews 10:23)

Hang in there, brothers and sisters. He who promised truly is faithful.  
He. Will. Come!