

Daybreak Gathering 8/10/23

Assignment:

[Fear Keeps Me Silent](#)

Note: Due to ever-escalating world events, some links listed in this article are no longer kept up to date.

## Questions

### **Time is running out**

We see it and even feel it deep in our bones. That means it's time to figure out how to make ourselves heard in a way where people will listen.

- 1) What are some current headlines that convince you we are nearly out of time to warn the lost and wake the found?
- 2) Do you feel paralyzed at times and unable to articulate what you see is pointing toward the soon return of Jesus?
- 3) Have you found a way to be heard by others, or do you more often feel shut down in your warnings?
- 4) How can the following statements enable us to be more willing to share what we know?
  - Success is in our obedience.
  - We are only responsible for telling, not for how hearers respond.
- 5) How does Ezekiel 33 challenge us and sometimes make us feel guilty?

### **Find your people**

“Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city” (Acts 18:10).

- 1) The enemy likes to try and convince us we are alone. Are you actively looking and asking God for in-person, like-minded people?
- 2) When God brings people across your path who see what you see, why should you and how can you build relationships with them, even over long distances?
- 3) How can discussing your understanding of last-days Biblical prophecy with others increase your confidence, comfort, and capability in telling what you know?
- 4) Luke 10:1 is proof that Jesus knew the power of the partner. Discuss how this passage so fittingly applies to where we are on His kingdom calendar?

### **Fear of rejection and pushing people away**

We all have an internal desire to be liked and accepted. God calls us to be in fellowship with other believers, so when we feel cast out, it stings.

- 1) Are you able to give examples of how fear has kept you silent these past three years? Conversely, do you have examples of how the Spirit has given you courage to speak up?
- 2) Read John 15:18. Why are so many of us being rejected by “our own,” meaning by our families and other believers? Though we are told we will be hated and rejected because of the name of Jesus, why then do we still feel surprised when it happens?
- 3) Love sacrifices. Sometimes that sacrifice is found in rejection from the people we care about. How can the concept of the kinsman redeemer apply to our willingness to share what we know?
- 4) Sometimes our fears are unwarranted, and a conversation goes better than our dread-filled minds expect. Do you have an example of this?

What if, over time and with more happening in the world, the seed I plant grows into broader understanding for someone who seemed to reject what I told them? I’m just a seed planter. I need to allow the Lord to be the Seed Grower.

### **Fear of being ridiculed and considered crazy or stupid**

There is safety in sticking to what Biblical prophecies say. When we do, we’re not stating our opinion; we’re only sharing what God has already said will happen. In doing that, our rock to stand on if others do ridicule us is the eternal Rock, Jesus. I know when I speak the truth of God’s Word, it will not return void. Even if they do not believe me and try to make me feel ridiculous, I know better. I know Whose side I’m on and Who’s on my side.

- 1) Why is it important to stick to what Biblical prophecies say rather than parroting man’s predictions? How can that safeguard your heart from negative accusations?
- 2) Do you make it a point to vet your sources of prophetic teaching? Share your top three Bible prophecy pastors/teachers to see how many overlap with those of other group members.
- 3) How can those who blindly follow false “prophets” with their false “words from God” undermine the work of true rapture watchers?
- 4) Does knowing you will someday be vindicated over your rapture beliefs and warnings help you to stay the course?

### **Fear that you don't know enough to explain**

When we present information clearly and without outlandish generalizations, our audience will be more apt to listen. The truth of prophecy sounds odd enough to us as seasoned believers. Imagine what it sounds like to believers who've never been taught prophecy and how it will be received by the lost.

- 1) Do you have a prophetic passage in Scripture, a starting point of sorts, that you have found helpful in showing people where we are on God's timeline?
- 2) Do you know basic prophecy fundamentals and have talking points that you feel comfortable and confident in sharing?
- 3) Why is it vital that we know and present facts rather than outlandish generalizations?
- 4) What are some practical ways in which you can increase your understanding of Bible prophecy?
- 5) Does it bring you comfort and freedom to know you only need to learn some and share some and not feel all the weight of the prophetic world on your shoulders?