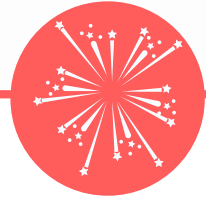


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WEEK 1



SPARKS

- Have you ever believed something or followed advice that later turned out to be misleading? How did that feel?
- When have you faced a situation that tested your patience, love, or commitment? How did you respond?
- How do you usually prepare for important events or deadlines in your life? How consistent are you with preparation?



WORD

“25 Behold, I have told you in advance.”

Matthew 24:25

(Read also Matthew 24 for context)

In 1 Thessalonians, Paul reminds us that Jesus will return, and because of this, we are called to live holy and prepared lives. God is a God who warns His people ahead of time.

Imagine traveling from the Philippines to Canada in winter. A friend already there tells you to prepare winter clothes but you arrive wearing summer outfits. The warning was clear, but it was ignored.

In Matthew 24, Jesus looks at His disciples and says, “See, I have told you in advance.” Nothing that will happen is a surprise to Him. He speaks ahead of time so His people will not be deceived, shaken, or unprepared.

This week, we will focus on this truth: Jesus has already told us in advance. The question now is not what will happen but whether we will listen and prepare accordingly.

1. BE ALERT: DO NOT BE DECEIVED.

Matthew 24:4

'4 And Jesus answered and said to them, 'See to it that no one misleads you.

Jesus warns, "Watch out that no one deceives you". Many Christians may attend church for years but still feel unsure if they are truly ready for His return. Being alert means actively guarding our hearts, minds, and faith against false teachings and worldly distractions. It's about preparing our hearts, mindset, character, and faith so we are not caught off guard.

Are we truly watching and discerning, or are we assuming we will never be deceived?

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2. ENDURE: STAY FAITHFUL UNTIL THE END.

Matthew 24:12-13

'12 And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will become cold.

13 But the one who endures to the end is the one who will be saved.

Life as a Christian can be challenging, and trials or delays may weaken our love and faith. Endurance means continuing to love, obey, and trust God, even when it is difficult, and asking Him to rekindle our love, passion, and devotion when it grows cold.

Is your love and faith growing cold, or are you choosing to remain faithful until the end?

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3. BE READY: LIVE EXPECTANTLY.

Matthew 24:42

‘Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.’

Jesus calls us to “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come”. Living ready means aligning our priorities, adjusting what needs fixing, and surrendering what we need to let go. Life’s achievements and possessions are temporary; what matters most is our relationship with God. Being ready means living faithfully every day, fully aware that Jesus could return at any moment. Are we living each day ready for the Lord, or are we distracted by things that don’t matter to Him?

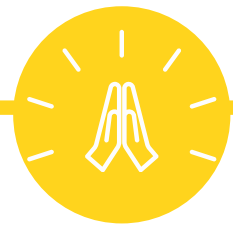
LIVE IT!

- Stay aware of influences around you, the social media, friends, or trends, and filter them through God's truth.
- Keep serving your family, ministry, and community consistently, even when it feels tiring or unnoticed.
- Prioritize what matters: time with God, family, and meaningful service over distractions.



PRAYER

- Ask God for discernment to recognize truth from deception in teachings, advice, and daily decisions.
- Confess any moments when your love or faith has grown cold, and ask Him to rekindle your love, passion, and devotion.
- Pray for a heart that lives each day aware of Jesus' return. Ask Him to help you prioritize what matters most, your time with Him, family, and meaningful service.



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