

Change or Transformation? (Question 2)

Quick Recap

Three Transformative Questions I Want You to Ask Yourself Before 2021?

Last Week -- Question #1: Do I see what God is saying and doing now in the world?

- Don't be derailed by the enemy
- Don't Presume from your own perspective
- "Get Up, Go Back" with renewed hope in God's Providence

Question #2: How am I joining Him in those efforts?

"Get Up! Go Back...!" Remember Who You Are!

- I know many of you are discouraged, 2020 has hit you hard, been knocked down...like me, like Elijah...tempted to give in to the gathering gloom...But You've got to get up, shake it off...

Proverbs 24:16

The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again. But one disaster is enough to overthrow the wicked.

2 Cor. 4:8-9

We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. ⁹ We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed...

- **Us is the Light of the World...We Can't Hide in Ourselves**

Matthew 6:22-23

"The eye is the lamp of the body; so then, if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. So if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

Romans 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Discerning Instead of Reacting

The struggles of 2020 don't end at midnight on December 31st...

We're called to "such a time as this..."

But we have to know how to navigate these times, and how to join God in What He's Doing Now...

Reacting

**Responding to Troubles or Challenges With
Despair, Fear, or Anxiety**

Elijah
Israel in the Wilderness
The Lazy Servant...

Running Ahead of OR Lagging Behind God's Focus

Trying to Carry What's Not Yours to Carry

Discerning

Be Strong and Courageous!

Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Mark 9:23 "All things are possible to him who believes..."

"Waiting on the Lord" (Isaiah 40:31)

Picking Up Only What He Gives You to Carry

1 Peter 5:7; Matthew 11:28-30)

Remember the "Gentle Whisper"

Think & Do Kingdom

Matthew 6:25, 31-34

Stop worrying about your life... 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' That's what those people who don't know God are always thinking about. Don't worry, because your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. **Want God's kingdom most, and do what he wants you to do.** Then he will give you all these other things you need. **Stop worrying about tomorrow.**

- **How will each decision I make today accomplish good for the Kingdom?**
- **How is my agenda today intentionally joining God in His specific work here and now?**
- **How am I choosing His work and Kingdom over my work and kingdom?**