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**Transformation, the single most important thing He does.
Matthew 24:32-44 NASB**

Introduction

**Where in Matthew 24 does 1st Century prophecy end and the
future prophecy begin?**

140AD : 24:28 = Dr. Craig Blomberg, Historic Pre-Millennialist

400AD : 24:35 = Dr. R. C. Sproul, Post-Millennialist

1614AD : 24:35 = Dr. Kenneth Gentry, Preterist

1836AD : 24:2 = Dr.Dwight Pentecost, Dispensational
Pre-Millennialist

³² “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; ³³ so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, *right* at the door.³⁴ Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

³⁶ “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. ³⁷ For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,³⁹ and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be. ⁴⁰ Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women *will be* grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

⁴² “Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.⁴³ But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴ For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think *He will*.

So What?!

#1. Trust God’s WORD, it will never fail.

“...My words will not pass away.”

**“The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.” Isaiah 40:8**

**“Forever, O Lord,
Thy word is settled in heaven.” Psalm 119:89**

#2. Accept God’s WILL, it will never fail.

**“...no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor
the Son, but the Father alone.”**

#3. Obey God’s COMMAND it will never fail.

“...be on the alert...be ready...”

Questions for further discussion.

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: Where did you grow up and what kind of weather did you have during the Christmas season? Was it cold, warm, snowy, foggy? What were the pluses and minuses, positives and negatives of that weather?

Read: Matthew 24:32-44. Jesus says we are to trust His words, they will never pass away. What words of Jesus, Bible verses, do you go to when you face stress? What words of Jesus, Bible verses do you read most consistently?

Read Isaiah 40:6-8. Isaiah was instructed to herald, announce and shout these words to all the people of Israel as they traveled from Babylon back to Israel. For 70 years they had been in Babylon as captives and now they were going back to rebuild Israel. God had told Jeremiah, Daniel and Ezekiel that the people would return to Israel but when it was destroyed it was hard for the people to imagine the situation reversing. So God makes sure the people know it is God's Word, His will that was irreversible. You could translate the idea of these verses as, "Kings come, kings go, people rule and people die, but God's words and will are indestructible." What do you appreciate about God being in control and indestructible? How does it create stability and security in your life?

Jesus says God's will never fails. Have you ever experienced an unexpected reversal in your life? Someone said no and then yes, or you lose something and then find it, or you got a second chance at a job, buying a house, a Dr.'s appointment? Does it make you feel lucky or fortunate? Ever wonder if God intervened and changed something for you to your good?

Jesus commands us to follow God's words through obedience. Which one has been harder and which one easier to obey: church attendance, financial giving, small group participation, serving, baptism, reading the Bible, inviting someone to GateWay or personal prayer?

Family Time: Ask your kids what they are supposed to be in the morning when it's time to go to school? To be ready! How do you get ready for school? Have them name the things they have to do to be

ready. What's the most important thing when it's time to go to heaven? To be ready! How do you get ready for heaven? Jesus said, "Behold, the one who believes HAS eternal life." Talk to your child about their trust and belief in Jesus.