

Talk It Over March 5-6, 2022

"And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the Kingdom of Heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly Kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion]." - Matthew 11:12 (AMPC)

"Not that I have now attained [this ideal], or have already been made perfect, but I press on to lay hold of (grasp) and make my own, that for which Christ Jesus (the Messiah) has laid hold of me and made me His own." - Philippians 3:12 (AMPC)

There is only one source for understanding the meaning and purpose of human existence – the Red Letter Teachings of Jesus Christ.

Simply put, He offers us the highest life strategy possible.

From the inception of life, we are in the process of becoming who we will be forever.

His desire is that we live in Him and welcome His life to flood us and flow through us.

He says, "Come to Me, and you will be safe – you will go in and out and find all you need – you will enjoy life without limits." (John 10:7-10)

He created us to count, to matter, placed in a unique, specific context to count in ways no one else can.

And from the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven forces itself upon men's attention, and those who strive to obtain its privileges with the utmost eagerness and effort take it by force (seize upon it, snatch it away).

Ever since John started preaching, God's dominion has been breaking forth and gaining momentum; God's influence over people's lives is increasing.

This is a "seize mentality." We are to "seize" the power of His Kingdom and live life in an interactive, intimate relationship with Jesus.

His Kingdom is within you, waiting to be expressed through you as you "seize it," and you are seized by it.

Other Scripture References: John 6:63; John 10:7-10; John 1:4; Mark 1:15 (Literal Translation); Matthew 11:12 (TPT)

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