

## AWARE

AWARE Series (AWARE-01)

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### Understand the Times

- 1 Chronicles 12:32
- Hope for the Best – AWARE
- Plan for the Worst – AWARE
- Throughout the Bible the Lord encourages Awareness
  - Signs of the times – urgency of living in the latter days
  - Strategies of the enemy – knows his time is short
  - Spiritual entities and the unseen world – good and evil
  - Senses trained to discern – both physical and spiritual senses
  - Expectant for the return of Jesus
  - Opportunities for impact

### Senses Trained

- Hebrews 5:12-14
- 1 Peter 5:8-9
  - Prediction – from training and experience
  - Prediction beats reaction
- Other Vigilance Training – 540 degrees of awareness
- 2 Corinthians 2:11
  - Familiar
  - Not ignorant

### The Devil's Strategy - an opportunist of vulnerability

- Jesus' Temptation - Luke 4
  - Stones to bread
  - Give him the kingdoms of this world (without suffering)
  - Miraculous display of Sonship of God (with angel intervention)
  - Jesus' trained response – "It is written"
  - Luke 4:13 (NASB) When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.

- Other opportunities
  - Peter – not so with you to suffer – Matthew 16:22-23
  - Garden of Gethsemane – any other way – Matthew 26:39
  - On the Cross – let him save himself - Luke 23:45
- Hebrews 4:15
- HALT – times of vulnerability
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  - Identify Vulnerabilities

### Prediction vs. Reaction

- Prediction comes from training and experience (learning to predict)
- Fight – "Resist the devil and he will flee" (James 4:7)
- Flight – the only flight is "Flee youthful lusts" (2 Timothy 2:22)
- Freeze – the only freeze is "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)
- 2 Timothy 3:1-5
- Ephesians 6:10-18
  - Be strong in God's power
  - Put on all of God's armor
  - Able to stand firm against all the strategies of the devil
  - Fighting rulers and authorities in the unseen world
  - Put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil
  - Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers
- James 4:7