

“R2BR”

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- Global Chaos
 - Pandemic
 - Economic
 - Political
 - Racial Tensions
 - Discrimination
 - Lawlessness
 - Education
- 2 Timothy 3:1 (NKJV) But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:
- From my journal of Thursday, July 2 – Right to be Ready
- 1 Chronicles 12:32 All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.
- John 14:27 (NLT2) “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart.
- Psalm 37:25 (NLT2) Once I was young, and now I am old. Yet I have never seen the godly abandoned or their children begging for bread.
- 2nd story furnishings (Francis Schaeffer)
 - Live in fellowship with God
 - Increase in knowledge of the word – and live by it
 - Not neglect our meeting together, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near
- Be ready
 - Ready for return of Jesus
 - Ready for last days evil activity
 - Ready for upheaval of “normal” in varying degrees
 - Ready for persecution in varying degrees
- Matthew 24:4-14
 - Many will be deceived
 - Global chaos – wars, famines, earthquakes
 - Don’t panic
 - Arrested, persecuted and killed
 - Hated all over the world because you are followers of Jesus
 - Many will turn away from me (NASB – fall away)
 - Sin will be rampant everywhere (NASB – increased lawlessness)
 - The love of many will grow cold
 - The one who endures to the end will be saved
 - The Good News will be preached globally
 - Then the end will come
- Two focuses for today
 - Many will turn away from me (NASB-fall away)
 - Deceived
 - 2 Timothy 3:12 – godly will be persecuted
 - Hebrews 11:35-38 – of whom the world is not worthy
 - Rev David Yonggi Cho – “The 4th Dimension”
 - Persecuted
 - Love grow cold
 - Endure till the end

- 1 Timothy 1:18-20
 - Instructions to help you fight well in the Lord's battles
 - Cling to your faith in Christ
 - Keep your conscience clear.
 - Violated consciences; shipwrecked faith
 - Examples handed over to Satan – so they learn not to blaspheme God
- Romans 1:18-32
 - Wicked people suppress truth
 - No excuse – they know the truth about God
 - Minds dark and confused – utter fools
 - They traded the truth about God for a lie
 - God abandoned them to their shameful desires
 - They know of God's justice, but continue to do such things
 - Worse – they encourage others to do the same
- God gives freedom of choice
 - With your choice comes the consequences
 - You want your city without law and order?
- Romans 13:4-5 (NLT2) 4 The authorities are God's servants, sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong. 5 So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience.
 - But what about the innocent that are in the midst of a lawless city?
 - Psalm 91 – live in the shelter of Most High
 - Genesis 19:12 – you and your family get out of this place
- Jude
 - Defend the faith that God has entrusted to his holy people
- Ungodly people saying God's grace allows us to live immoral lives
 - They have denied Jesus
 - They do whatever their instincts tell them – to their own destruction
 - They create divisions among you
- But you...
 - Build each other up in your most holy faith
 - Pray in the power of the Holy Spirit
 - Await the Lord's mercy – who will bring you into eternal life
 - Keep yourself safe in God's love
 - Show mercy to those whose faith is wavering
 - Hate the sin contaminating their lives
 - God is able to keep you from falling away
 - God is able to bring you into his presence without a single fault