

Always Ready

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- Matthew 9:37–38 (NLT) — 37 He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. 38 So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”
 - Do you want revival?
 - Are you praying?
 - Are you sharing your faith?

“Always Ready”

- 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
 - Our fearful responsibility to the Lord
 - We work hard to persuade others
 - Christ’s love controls us
 - No longer live for self, live for Christ
 - The gift from God – new life
 - Given the task of reconciling people to God
 - God in Christ reconciling the world to himself
 - No longer counting people’s sins against them
 - God made Christ the offering for our sin
 - We could be made right with God
- Christ’s Ambassadors
 - Given a wonderful message of reconciliation
 - God making his appeal through us
 - We speak for Christ, pleading – “Come back to God!”

Always ready – know the message

- Romans 5:15–16 ... God’s free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins.
- John 3:16–17 ...everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life...
- Do you believe?
- John 11:25–26 ...Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this?”

Always Ready – Share the Hope

- 1 Peter 3:15–16 ...And if someone asks about your hope as a believer,
 - Always be ready to explain it.
 - Do this in a gentle and respectful way.
 - They see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.

Always Ready – live the lifestyle

- **Overcomers in these last days** - John 16:33 ...Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”
- **Anxious for nothing** - Philippians 4:6–7 —Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.
- **Gaze fixed on the unseen** - 2 Corinthians 4:17–18 — 17 For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! 18 So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

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- The message of reconciliation – made right with God
- In our troubles – overcoming and at peace
- Looking forward with our gaze set on that which is to come
- Empowered
- Acts 1:8 — But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”