

ALPHA & OMEGA

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. When my focus is on what I am, I tend to forget who Jesus is.

B. Jesus' "I Am" is the answer to my "I Am."

Revelation 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

II. HOW TO THRIVE IN CRAZY TIMES

1. *When I Am Uncertain*

- **When I Am Uncertain, I Will Look to Jesus.**

Revelation 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

- **God is Omniscient — He is all-knowing.**

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Philippians 4:11-12 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

- **Revelation Reminder 1: I have access to the wisdom of God.**

2. *When I Am Overwhelmed*

- **When I Am Overwhelmed, I Will Rely on Jesus.**

Revelation 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

- **God is Omnipresent — He is present everywhere at the same time.**

Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

- **Revelation Reminder 2: I am right where God can strengthen and bless me.**

3. When I Am Afraid

- **When I Am Afraid, I Will Trust and Praise Jesus.**

Revelation 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

- **God is Omnipotent —He is all-powerful.**

Psalms 56:3-4 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise— in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

- **Revelation Reminder 3: I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.**

III. THINGS MAY GET WORSE BEFORE THEY GET BETTER.

A. You are going to make it!

Revelation 1:8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Revelation 1:17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.

Revelation 21:6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

B. God bookends with blessing the mess in the middle.