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Regret: living with grief or sadness that I missed out on something

1. Do you grieve missing out on what God is doing today? Are you missing out on something God wants for you? What distracts you from hearing God's voice?

Ephesians 5:15-16 (NASB)

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

Evil comes from turning our back on God, worshipping at the altar of self. We live in a world that prides itself in worshipping at the altar of self.

2. Do we believe that Jesus is the answer to the brokenness of our world? What does it mean to have bold humility?

Generation: a lineage of people/age grouping, or habitation and presence There is a unique outpouring of the Holy Spirit in every generation! We have a unique opportunity to partner with what God is doing today.

Sometimes revival is preceded with a season of extreme brokenness that turn us back to God.

3. Do we want revival, do we ache for revival?

Apocalypse (apokaluptikós): Insight, visions, prophecy, revelation, or the uncovering of something that was hidden but is now being revealed.

Apocalyptic Seasons = Prophetic Moments

As there is more chaos - there is a moment in the midst of that for the church to have a prophetic voice!

We need to be listening to holy spirit not just for survival, but for revival!

Ephesians 4:30 (NLT)

And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

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4. We'll never be a prophetic voice unless we start by saying 'I'm with Jesus!' Are you willing to identify with Jesus? What does it look like in your life to identify with Jesus? What makes it hard for you to identify with Jesus? A desire to be liked, A desire to 'control' your life, A desire for security, etc... Who/what are you identifying with? Who/what would others say you identify with?

Matthew 10:34-36 (NLT)

Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword. 'I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. Your enemies will be right in your own household!'

5. Read Matthew 10

As you read this, what springs to mind? A desire to run toward God, or run away? Are you in this relationship with Jesus for what you can get, or are you willing to risk it all because you believe He is worth it all?

Prophetic generations raise up hope voices in a chaos culture

Ezekiel was a young adult living in a refugee camp at this time...

Ezekiel 22:23-30

God's heart is for the land - He is looking for just one to stand in the gap and pray for the land.

6. Are you an Ezekiel, willing to stand in the gap between the brokenness and chaos and our faithful, loving God? God is calling you to be an Ezekiel, are you willing?

Ezekiel 37:4,5 (ESV)

Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live."

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were other young adults who were living amidst the privilege of the palace of King Nebuchadnezzar

Read Daniel 3

v16-18 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. *But even if he does not*, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

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(They counted the cost)

V28,29 Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, *for no other god can save in this way.*"

(Revival began as the king acknowledged the God of Israel, the I AM, the One true God)

V30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Whether you are in your 20's, 40's, 60's, or beyond - God desire to use your voice and life in unique ways! Pray over one another to be an amplified voice for Jesus in this world!

We pray that there will be promotion over each and everyone of you in your influence in this world! May you be promoted in the Spirit to carry the truth of Jesus into this dark and broken world!