

## **Are We deeply Committed to Christ and Your Destiny? HANDOUT#1**

**We are living in unsettled times. Despite the turbulence around us, however, in 2021 believers shall receive everything we need when we trust in God. This our Time to become more committed to Christ than ever before.**

1. During Jesus' ministry, Mary received what was Promised. (Luke 10:38-42)
  - A.** Mary was at the right place at the right time; her sister, Martha, was the exact opposite.
  - B.** We need to be more like Mary and hang on every Word from God. We must be careful not to become like Martha, who was spiritually in the wrong place at the wrong time.
  - C.** Even if the Word is at work all around us, we can become completely distracted if we allow ourselves to be pulled away by the cares of the world.
  - D.** Martha complained because she was upset with what was going on and she had no help in the kitchen. We must guard against the spirit of complaining; it limits God's ability to move in our lives.
  - E.** When we are not spending enough time with God, it is easy to fuss and get worked up over nothing. We need to tune in to Him, not to our negative emotions.
  - F.** It is okay to take care of our daily tasks, but there is a time and a place for everything. We need to be on God's time, not on ours.
  - G.** To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1).
  - H.** We see the same difference in thinking between Mary and Martha later, when Jesus raised their brother, Lazarus, from the dead (John 11:20-32).
  - I.** Their reactions were totally different; Martha was still in a place of anxiety and panic, but Mary reacted according to how Jesus had ministered to her earlier.
2. **We need to make sure we are exactly where God wants us to be. We do that by allowing Him to order our days, so that He can direct and guide us.**
  - A.** In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:6).
  - B.** This involves honoring God by giving Him the authority to speak into our lives, and not getting too busy to sit at His feet to listen and learn from Him.
  - C.** In addition to not complaining, we must also mind our own affairs and avoid being a busybody.
  - D.** And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business... (1 Thessalonians 4:11).
  - E.** This is not to say that we should not tend to our daily affairs, but just that there is a proper time to do everything. We must not get too caught up in

busy work to let God lead us. (Mark 4:19).

**F.** Relying on God's guidance allows us to learn from our mistakes and bounce back. (Psalm 119:130).

**G.** True clarity starts with the entrance of God's Word. It gives us clear spiritual vision and allows us to see the right dispensations through the lens of grace.

**H.** We should not simply read the Bible like a novel; we must let the Scriptures become a checklist for how we conduct our lives

**I.** Sometimes our greatest lessons come from our biggest mistakes. (Psalm 37:23-25)

**J.** There are four principles for us to follow:

Take responsibility for our thoughts, words, feelings, and actions.

Stop complaining.

Stop blaming others.

Refuse to take anything personal

**J.** God will always lead us through circumstances that prepare us for our destination.

3. **We need to be so desperate for God that we are willing to risk everything to be with Him.** (Luke 5:17-26, MSG).

**A.** The people who came to hear Jesus knew the importance of being in the right place at the right time. Focusing in on God's Word centers us where we need to be.

**B.** Letting God deposit the Word in us equips us for our assignment and gets us ready for our future.

**C.** The men carrying the paraplegic on a stretcher did not let the crowds stop them; they got creative and climbed up on the roof to get to Jesus. We must ask ourselves how desperate we are to be in His presence.

**D.** When we are in the right place at the right time, God's favor will show up.

**E.** When the paralyzed man was dropped down through the ceiling in front of Jesus, there were most likely people waiting in the crowd who were indignant at what was happening.

**F.** We must not let others' irritation or contention contain us or keep us from believing God for the impossible.

**G.** We should not expect others to understand the importance of obeying God and trusting Him with our lives.

4. **Pursing what is best for us must become our destiny.** (Mark 5:25-34, MSG).

**A.** The woman could have lost all hope and given up, thinking that it was God's will for her to remain sick. However, she chose to pursue God's best for her life.

**B.** We should not allow the bad things to stop us; we can make them part of our testimony. We must continue to move forward and trust God.

**C.** The woman took a chance touching Jesus' robe; she had no guarantees or promises, only faith in Him. As a result, God's goodness physically manifested in her life.

**D.** Like the woman who was healed after taking a risk of faith, we must not let others' negativity or judgment limit us.

**E.** Faith is an act. Faith is corresponding action. Faith is acting on the WORD.

**F.** Abraham put corresponding action to his faith, and he received the promises.

**G** Faith is the substance of things hoped for and this is the way it works.

Hope comes up on the inside of you. Faith grows to the point that you're no longer afraid of that pain. Sickness and fear have no place in you anymore

5. **Life is a gift given to us by God. Letting Him lead us daily enhances our quality of life.**

**A.** In the past, we may have had the mindset that said, "This is my life, and I want to live it my own way." Without God, we do not have the wisdom to live right. We need Him. (Jeremiah 10:23).

**B.** I know, LORD, that our lives are not our own. We are not able to plan our own course (Jeremiah 10:23, NLT).

**C.** For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him (Philippians 2:13, NLT).

**D.** No matter what we do or where we go, if we have accepted Jesus, God works in us to change us from the inside.

**E.** Power is the ability to get the job done.

**F.** Even if we initially did not want to do the thing God revealed to us, He is well able to change our minds.

**G.** Any disaster that befalls us is not from God and is not His plan. He wants the best for us. (Jeremiah 29:11, NLT)

6. **Readily obeying God without making excuses puts us right where He wants us to be.** (John 5:1-13, MSG).

**A.** Our belief is crucial. We must ask ourselves if we want healing; it is up to us to decide if today is our receiving day. It is our choice whether or not to believe God can deliver us and give us peace and joy.

**B.** When Jesus asked the man a straightforward question, the man initially began making excuses.

**C.** God cannot do anything for us unless we make up our minds, first, to cooperate with Him.

**D.** Healing takes place when we are at the right place at the right time; deliverance takes place when we are where God wants us to be.