

Opportunities and Threats, week 1:

Personal Responsibility

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Today's Passages: Hebrews 10:39, Acts 1:8, Psalm 139

Welcome to our news series...

Opportunities and Threats: Advancing God's Kingdom in the midst of a Cultural Earthquake.

What is our quick response in the middle of an earthquake? _____. That is not going to work right now. There is too much that is spiritually charged in our country right now.

But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. Hebrews 10:39

So rather than shrink back, this is a time to _____, to dig in to the goodness of God and then advance the Kingdom of God (in us and through us) to our families, our city, our state and nation.

We are going to begin where the bible always says we need to begin when we think about Advancing God's Kingdom: _____ Responsibility.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! ²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! Psalm 139:23-24

While many people want to duck and cover from the reality of taking responsibility for anything that might be in them that needs to change, the Bible consistently puts forth pictures of people who live under a worldview that says: I _____ to hear from God the things that I can do to change so that I _____ live more in the everlasting/abundant way of life with God.

What gives us the confidence and freedom to take personal responsibility and desire that the shine the spotlight where we need to grow, is that our identity is already secure in who we are in God.

Let's see this in Psalm 139...What does David say about his identity?

O LORD, you have searched me and known me! 139:1

You know me _____.

Where shall I go from your Spirit? 139:7

You are with me, _____.

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. 139:13

You personally made _____.

You know me, you are with me, you made me, you take care of me, and therefore because I live in such a loved, secure, blessed place, I have the courage and freedom to say: "**Search me, O God, and know my heart..**"

Responding to God...

In the midst of a cultural earthquake, the bible says we have an opportunity to humble ourselves before God and say, Lord how can I repent?, How have I bought in to a lie of the enemy? Is there a mindset that needs to change in me so that I can walk more clearly in your abundant way? Is there a place I'm stuck and need your help? Is there bad fruit that you want to replace with good fruit?

Answers: Take cover, rise up, personal, want can, personally, always, me