

There is big trouble ahead for the Christian and the non-believer. We have time to awaken and turn our hearts toward God—He will help us.

Faith separated from cultural reality and engagement is only a theory. Jesus did not come to the Earth and die on a cross to set up units for theoretical theological debate. Compartmentalizing our faith into “church time” and “my time” is a false construct; it is not derived from Scripture or the experience of Church history. Our faith is intended to impact how we spend our time, energy, and resources and to shape our aspirations for the future.

A *reform* is a “correction of abuses.” A *revolution* is a “transfer of power.” What starts as reforming often ends in a revolutionary movement.

We are experiencing such a time: The outcome of the unannounced revolution is not clear. I believe the result will depend upon two things (and neither of them are political):

1) God’s involvement; 2) the degree to which God’s people awaken to the truth & become involved.

### **Morning Prayer**

Heavenly Father, open my heart to understand what was accomplished through the cross. Grant me a revelation of Jesus that is more real than any discouragement or disappointment. Thank You for Your grace, mercy, and forgiveness in my life. I choose to live for Your purposes. Help me to see the opportunities around me that I might bring honor and glory to the name of Jesus. In Him I put my trust. Amen.

1 Chronicles 12:32 (NIV®)

<sup>32</sup> ... men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do.

### **Mid-day Prayer**

Heavenly Father, You are the Author of life and my Source of hope. May faith arise in my heart as I pause to listen to You. You are the strength of my life, and Your promises describe my future. I rejoice in Your great faithfulness. Your mercy sustains me in days of distress. Deliver me from evil. I put my trust in You, my God and my Redeemer. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:12 (NASB®)

<sup>12</sup> I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service.

## **Evening Prayer**

Heavenly Father I rejoice in Your great faithfulness to me. You are my Rock and my Redeemer. All my days are secure in Your hands. Your lovingkindness overshadows me. You have called me out of darkness and set my feet on a path of righteousness. I put my trust in You, for You are a faithful God. Amen.

Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV<sup>®</sup>)

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.