

When Kingdoms Collide

The Tipping Point

World Outreach Church
Sermon Discussion Guide
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You don't need great discernment to recognize we are watching a spiritual conflict. It's a conflict between two worldviews—two spiritual kingdoms that are colliding in the earth—and we have reached a tipping point. The status quo is not sustainable. Tremendous change is ahead, and this brings us back to our counsel to watch, listen, think, and act. We must pay attention to what's happening in the world, listen to what's being said to see if it makes sense and holds logic, and try to understand the perspectives that are being presented. We need to discern what we see around us through the truth of God's Word. Our response to what is happening in the world makes a difference because the Church of Jesus Christ is the most powerful force for the change and transformation of a human being that has ever been released in the history of humanity. And it's not because of *us*. It's because of the redemptive work of our Lord and Savior. Jesus orchestrated something on a Roman cross two millennia ago that changed the destiny of every human being. That's the message we have for our generation: Faith in Jesus will change your life, deliver hope, rescue you from sin, and restore your relationship with God forever! Every generation must make a choice. Will we choose to believe and follow God in new ways, or will we decide to be complacent?

WATCH, LISTEN, THINK, ACT

I. VALUATION OF ASSETS

Matthew 13:44–46 ⁴⁴ *"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.*

⁴⁵ *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.*

****How do you define status, and how is it typically measured in the world? How does this compare to the Kingdom of God?**

II. LET'S PRAY ... WITH BOLD FAITH!

Acts 5:12–21 ¹² *The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. ¹³ No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. ¹⁵ As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. ¹⁶ Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed.*

¹⁷ ***Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy.***

¹⁸ *They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.*

²⁰ *"Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life."*

²¹ *At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles.*

****In what ways has the Church in the earth accommodated or compromised with culture, leading to timidity? What are some areas where Christians need to draw clearer lines between their faith and the world's influence?**

****What does the word "authority" mean to you? How does God's authority differ from human authority?**

Healing Prayers

Matthew 8:16–17 ¹⁶ *When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."*

1 Peter 2:23–24 ²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

John 14:12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

Acts 5:25–33 ²⁵ Then someone came and said, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.” ²⁶ At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

²⁷ Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “**We must obey God rather than men!**” ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead—whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” ³³ When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.

Acts 5:40–42 ⁴⁰ His speech persuaded them. **They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.**

⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, **they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.**

****Do you know someone who was miraculously healed? Take a minute to share their story. How would you encourage others to pray with greater confidence when asking for healing? Give some examples of “Let’s pray” one-sentence prayers for healing.**

Mother Teresa—National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC, on February 5, 1994

“By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, that father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. The father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So, abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.

“If we remember that God loves us, and that we can love others as He loves us, then America can become a sign of peace for the world. From here, a sign of care for the weakest of the weak -- the unborn child -- must go out to the world. If you become a burning light of justice and peace in the world, then really you will be true to what the founders of this country stood for. God bless you!”

****What does it mean to “use your voice” to be an advocate for God’s truth in your daily life? Where do you sense God asking you to do this today? How do you balance speaking truth with loving others?**

PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed by Your name,
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.