

PUSHING PART 2: KINGDOMS COLLIDE **BACK** the dark

ACTS

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BIG THOUGHT: None of us know what tomorrow holds – let alone this year. But we can know the One _____ that does know and He can _____ us for what lies ahead.

I. We must be intentional with connecting to God.

- Paul and Barnabas were intentional in following the Spirit.
- Had they not followed the Spirit, they wouldn't have ever left Antioch. All the places that heard the Gospel wouldn't have like we read that they did. And, who knows what would've happened?
- We too must be intentional to connect with God and follow Him. Our participation in His kingdom is at stake, as is our personal walk with Christ.

Galatians 5:16 *I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want.*

So, how do we “_____ in the Spirit”?

- 1) Be _____ with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 (HCSB) *And don't get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless actions, but be filled with the Spirit.*

- 2) _____ offer yourself to _____.

Romans 12:1 (HCSB) *Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship.*

- 3) Spend time daily in the _____ and prayer.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (HCSB) *All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

- 4) Be intentional with connecting to God with _____.

1 John 4:21 (HCSB) *And we have this command from Him: the one who loves God must also love his brother.*

- 5) _____ God more with all your concerns.

1 Peter 5:6-7 (HCSB) *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, because He cares about you.*

II. We must expect _____ and _____.

- A. Don't be _____ but be _____.

1 Peter 5:8 (HCSB) *Be sober! Be on the alert! Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour.*

- B. Be watchful not out of _____ but out of _____.

Colossians 4:2 (HCSB) *Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving.*

- C. Have eyes that see through _____.

Proverbs 27:12 (NIV) *The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it.*

III. We must stand _____ and _____ in the face of opposition.

- A. With _____ - confidence.

Joshua 1:9 (HCSB) *Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.*

Psalms 23:4 (NKJV) *Yea, though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and staff, they comfort me.*

Ephesians 6:10-11 (HCSB) *Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by His vast strength. Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactics of the devil.*

- B. Emboldened by our _____.

Romans 8:14-17 (HCSB)

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.