

# DYING TO LIVE

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**WARM UP QUESTION:** What do you do as you anticipate the occurrence of something?

**READ:** Mark 13:1-4, 32-37 (NET)

**FOCUS:** Followers of Jesus are commanded to stay ready because judgment is coming. Stay ready in light of eternity and Christ's return.

**OBSERVE:**

- We are to stay awake, alert and ready as we await Christ's return.
- Disciples are called to lives of faithfulness and endurance in times of calamity, distress and turmoil. We are to trust in God's sovereignty, the Holy Spirit's power and the promise of the Son's ultimate victory and return as He gathers believers to Himself.
- Jesus said hardships, trials, evil times and the shaking of kingdoms would come, but also the promise of His return with judgment.
- In light of His return and the judgment, we are to live at peace and with the right motivation and right hearts. We are to carry out the Great Commission, cultivate
- intimacy with the Holy Spirit and trust and obey Him as we yield to Him.
- The Son of Man is coming in glory and power.

**REFLECT:** Are you ready for the return of Christ? What if He came back today?

**TAKE ACTION:** Read God's word daily and know it. Build firmly on the foundation of Jesus Christ. We are to trust that God's promises will come to pass in our lives even though we don't know when or how.

**PRAY:** *Lord, We ask that You help us to remain alert and focused on You as we help You build Your kingdom here on earth. We await Your return. Thank You for the promise that You are coming back in glory and power for Your Church. Help us to live with pure hearts and right motives.*