

# THE WHY SERIES

A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO THE GREAT QUESTIONS OF LIFE.

THIS MESSAGE WAS PREACHED DURING THE GREAT WUHAN PANDEMIC OF CHINA  
THAT TURNED OUT TO BE THE BIGGEST POLITICAL HOAX IN HISTORY AND THE DEATH OF AMERICA AS WE KNOW IT

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**STOP**

**A “HOW TO” WHEN WE NEED THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD**

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Encouragement, Hope, Discipline, Perseverance.**

1 Samuel 30:1-6

Now it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag, on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the South and Ziklag, attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire, 2 and had taken captive the women and those who were there, from small to great; they did not kill anyone, but carried them away and went their way. 3 So David and his men came to the city, and there it was, burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive. 4 Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep. 5 And David's two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive. 6 Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

We have just left off in our series looking at how and why theology and me matters. That honestly, none of us here are interested in another religion or a religious act or ritual.

“Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, and the soul of soulless conditions. It is the opium of the people.”

Karl Marx

**Of course the Marxist, Karl Marx hated competition and he himself was threatened by any viable, effective or life changing “God Encounter” that people might have and so he set out to eliminate the concept (opportunity) of GOD.**

Marx's experience can be explained.

Marx saw a version of what was called “Christianity”.

A hollowed-out structure labeled “Christianity”

And by the way – the reason why socialism, communism and Marxism is on the rise in America is twofold (#1) is because the liberal hippies of the 60's & 70's who went to college wound up getting university teaching jobs in the 80's & 90's and became progressives and (#2) because the exact same conditions that preceded Socialism, Communism and Marxism in their day - - are now again in our day. There is a powerless church witness. A compromised clergy and spiritual leadership which has resulted in the culture departing from dependence upon God and His word.

But why would Marx and others like him dare to challenge the existence of God and of the faith that the Bible speaks of?  
**Only Because They Can. What they see and what Jesus gave us are very different things.**

1 Timothy 3:15b

I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

The Church in the United States in Mortal Danger

**We Need Hope & Encouragement**

"The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time."  
- Abraham Lincoln

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A "HOW TO" WHEN WE NEED THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD

1.) Stop to know He is present

**This Is Encouraging**

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

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2.) Stop to know He is in the impossible

**This Is Encouraging**

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:11-13 4

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:  
12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I  
have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can  
do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but  
must be felt with the heart."

Helen Keller (ann sullivan was her teacher)

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3.) Stop to know He is going with you.

### **This Is Encouraging**

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God,  
He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

"The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep  
discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, 'O God,  
forgive me,' or 'Help me.'" –Billy Graham

Sometimes Life is Overwhelming, Foggy, even Dark.

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4.) Stop to know He will make you invincible

### **This Is Encouraging**

Joshua 1: 5-6a

No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I  
will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage,

"We are immortal until our work on earth is done."

- George Whitefield

# BATTLE FATIGUE

If we are not getting refueled, We will get weary and we lose our focus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SebbUbBjhUE>

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5.) Stop to know He will define your success

### This Is Encouraging

Joshua 1:7-9

Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

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6.) Stop to know He will hold the pain

### This Is Encouraging

2 Corinthians 12:6-10

For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. :7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. 8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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### 7.) Stop to know the future is set in love

#### This Is Encouraging

Jeremiah 29:11-14 7

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, says the LORD,

"If God is your partner, make your plans BIG!"

D.L. Moody

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### 8.) Stop to know He is our anchor of hope

#### This Is Encouraging

Psalm 31:24

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart,  
all you who hope (wait) in the LORD.

**courage** heb: chazaq to resolve, be fixed, to grip or fasten yourself to, to prevail, to seize, to lay hold of, to fortify your mind. (to possess an unwavering devotion to ones convictions)

**Strengthen** heb: amets to become stout, firm, strong, determined, hardened as in battle ready, to be made to be obstinate.

**hope** heb: yachal, to wait expectantly, to keep waiting with a need.

Waiting is unnatural to our Human Psych.

*End of Study*

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