



WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

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THE END'S IN SIGHT

THE POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE WERE:

- "The end of all things is near" – WHAT IT MEANS.
- "The end of all things is near" – HOW TO LIVE IN LIGHT OF IT.

LET'S TALK

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message?
2. What comes to mind for you when you hear the phrase "the end of all things is near"?
3. Pastor Steve says, "...*biblically speaking, humanity has effectively been living in the "end times" for over two thousand years — between the time of Jesus' ascension back into heaven, and his eventual return to earth... Therefore, it's important to realize that the latest reports you hear on the news are no more of a definitive sign that Jesus is going to return at any moment than such events ever have been over the past 2000 years.*"
What are some ways you've seen people claim that current events are a sign of the end times? How does this quote challenge that thinking?
4. Read 1 Peter 4:7-11. In these verses, Peter tells us how to live in light of the reality that Jesus could come back at any moment. What instructions does he give? Which of these stands out the most for you?
5. In his message Pastor Steve quotes Dietrich Bonhoeffer who writes, "*There is no dislike, no personal tension, no estrangement that cannot be overcome by intercession as far as our side is concerned. Intercessory prayer is the purifying bath into which the individual and the fellowship must enter every day.*"
How are Bonhoeffer's words especially important in our current times? Is there a challenging person in your life God is calling you to pray for and love?
6. When we face challenges it's easy to get distracted and lose focus on prayer. How can you "be alert and of sober mind" this week so that you can keep the communication lines open with God through prayer?

LET'S PRAY: Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).

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