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CELEBRATING EASTER IN A PANDEMIC WORLD

"PREPARATION: LIVE READY"

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LUKE 12:35-47 (ESV)

INSIGHT: There's an advantage to pressing fast forward in your life and seeing things from the vantage point of the future.

INSIGHT: It's only by thinking clearly about the future that you live wisely in the present.

INSIGHT: You gain strength to obey Bible commands by the continual reminder of how close eternity is.

I. THE POSTURE OF READINESS

1. Stay dressed for action (v. 35).

TRUTH: If you belong to Christ by faith, you are to live every day fighting your personal sin issue, sharing the gospel, encouraging believers to live holy, and you do it as though that was the day of Christ's return.

2. Keep your lamps burning (v. 35).

3. Live like you're watching for a thief (v. 39).

TRUTH: To not live ready for Christ's return is to face ruin at His return.

INSIGHT: A lot of so-called followers of Christ will be caught unprepared, not active in Christ's name, and they will face judgment and loss.

TRUTH: Not everyone who calls themselves a follower of Jesus really is.

INSIGHT: You don't want to be caught idle when Christ returns.

II. AWAKE TO YOUR TASK (v. 37).

INSIGHT: A lot of church-going people will come up short on judgment day and will be treated for what they are...lost.

THE MARK OF A CHRIST-FOLLOWER: Active at the task

1. Our task
2. Isn't finished until...
3. What's true if we're active about our task: THE PROMOTION OF MISSIONS.

The collegiate church plants of "The Hill":

1. Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA
2. University of Montana, Missoula, MT
3. Montana State University, Bozeman, MT
4. Lethbridge University, Lethbridge, Canada

TRUTH: God blessed us to make money that He could direct us to fund His worldwide missionary goals.