

God's Earth-Shaking Commission for You in This Dark Hour

What is God's plan to deal with the darkness in our world? Is He moving, and, if so, what part do you play?

Maybe, just maybe, you're called to make a difference. Maybe, just maybe, you were born for such a time as this.

Most of us can see that the world is troubled—and increasingly so. Politicians lack the answers, and the world is groaning under the rising tide of injustice, immorality and corruption. Maybe you've felt the groan (Romans 8:19–22).

As deep darkness covers the earth, the Lord is calling forth messengers of hope. Evil is rising, but God will release His Word in power as the kingdom invades every sphere of society through His people (Matthew 16:18–19).

Lives will shift, souls will be saved and many will see the glory of our King before He returns—and your voice is needed.

The Lord has designed us to move with Him. As we know Him more and receive His Spirit, we are empowered to do His works. This means acting—and speaking—on His behalf.

Like the disciples and prophets of old, our God is calling forth voices to bring His truth to a lost and dying world. Will you stand among them?

Your voice matters. The threat is real, but so is the glory. Silence is not an option.

As Mordecai told Esther when the Jews faced a terrible threat, "For if you remain silent at this time, protection and deliverance for the Jews will be ordained from some other

place, but you and your father's house shall be destroyed. And who knows if you may have attained royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14).

The Lord is marking hearts in this generation to boldly declare His truth and love to people everywhere.

It could be in your school, your workplace, social sphere or even your church, but many voices are needed.

As Christ's return nears, God is raising up forerunners in the spirit of John the Baptist, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight'" (Mark 1:3).

Every voice matters. All voices are needed—whether you're a full-time student, marketplace worker, in full-time ministry or a mom raising children.

Only light pierces darkness, and light comes as we speak His Word (Psalm 119:130).

The Holy Spirit is calling, stirring the hearts of men and women. How will you respond?

This is a time for boldness and confidence: confidence that God is who He says He is and will do what He says He will do.

In His presence, our minds are renewed, our spirits stirred and our eyes opened to see Him for who He is. Confidence increases as we gaze upon Jesus, the One with all power and authority (Matthew 28:18).

This brings commissioning. His power fills us, and we begin to know truth from the inside out. God's presence truly changes us, and we emerge ready to walk in a new way.

Such encounters transform men and women into messengers who shake nations and influence every sphere of society—no matter how large or how small.

We are all called by God to speak. The time is urgent. The time is now.

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