

Be Awake

Watch and Be Ready

1 Thessalonians 5:1-8

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The Second Coming of Our Lord

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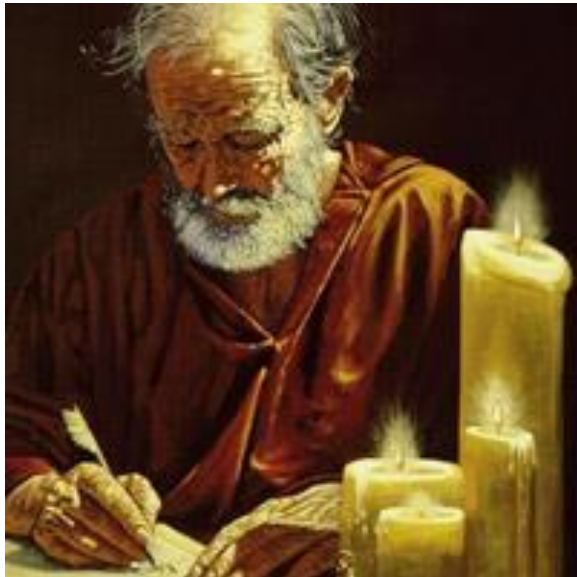
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A Personal Letter of Comfort and Encouragement in Testing Times

1 Thessalonians 4:18, 5:11

*Encourage each other with these words...
encourage one another and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing.*



Now Hope!

*They have been
doing well with their
faith and love.*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-8

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⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.



Three things we learn

- ***V1-3 He will come back 'at any moment'!***
- ***V4-5 There are clear signs of his coming.***
- ***V6-8 Be awake, watch and be ready.***



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***Certain yet
Unexpected
and Painful***



Clear Signs of His Coming

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We are children of the light and day



***Wisdom and
understanding of
the times***

Clear signs of his coming



Matthew 24:6-31

- **V6-8 In the world**
- **V9-14 In the church**
- **V15-28 In Jerusalem**
- **V29-31 In the sky**

Be Awake, Watch and Ready

6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

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**Keep our eyes open and
live in the light of day**



Be Sober and Wise

⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober,

Be Discerning!

Ephesians 15-18

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.



and be not drunk with wine
which leads to debauchery

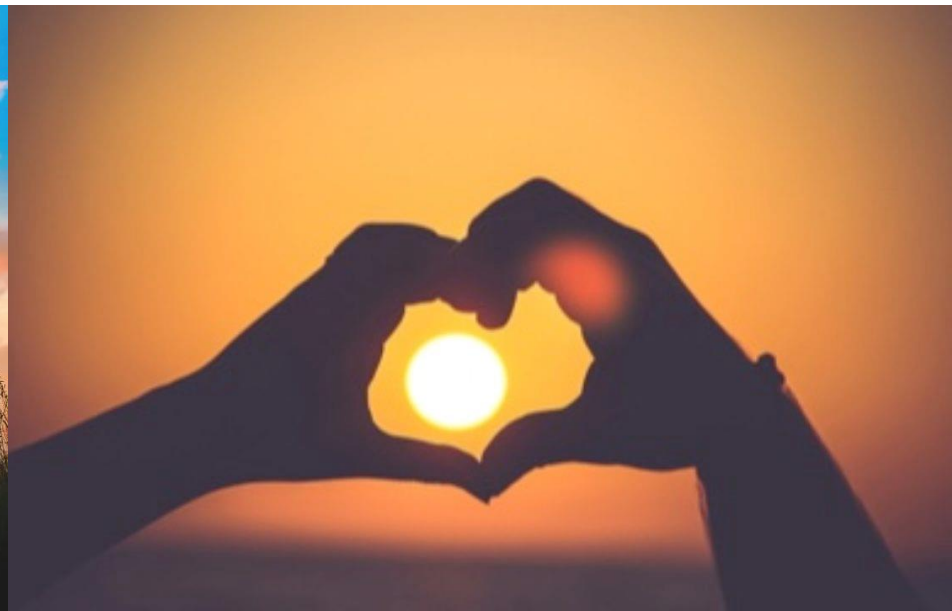
**but be filled
with the Spirit**

Ephesians 5:18

Live as children of Light in the last days

*putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and
the hope of salvation as a helmet.*

Live with Faith, Love, and Hope.



Facing the Covid-19

Jesus is Coming Again

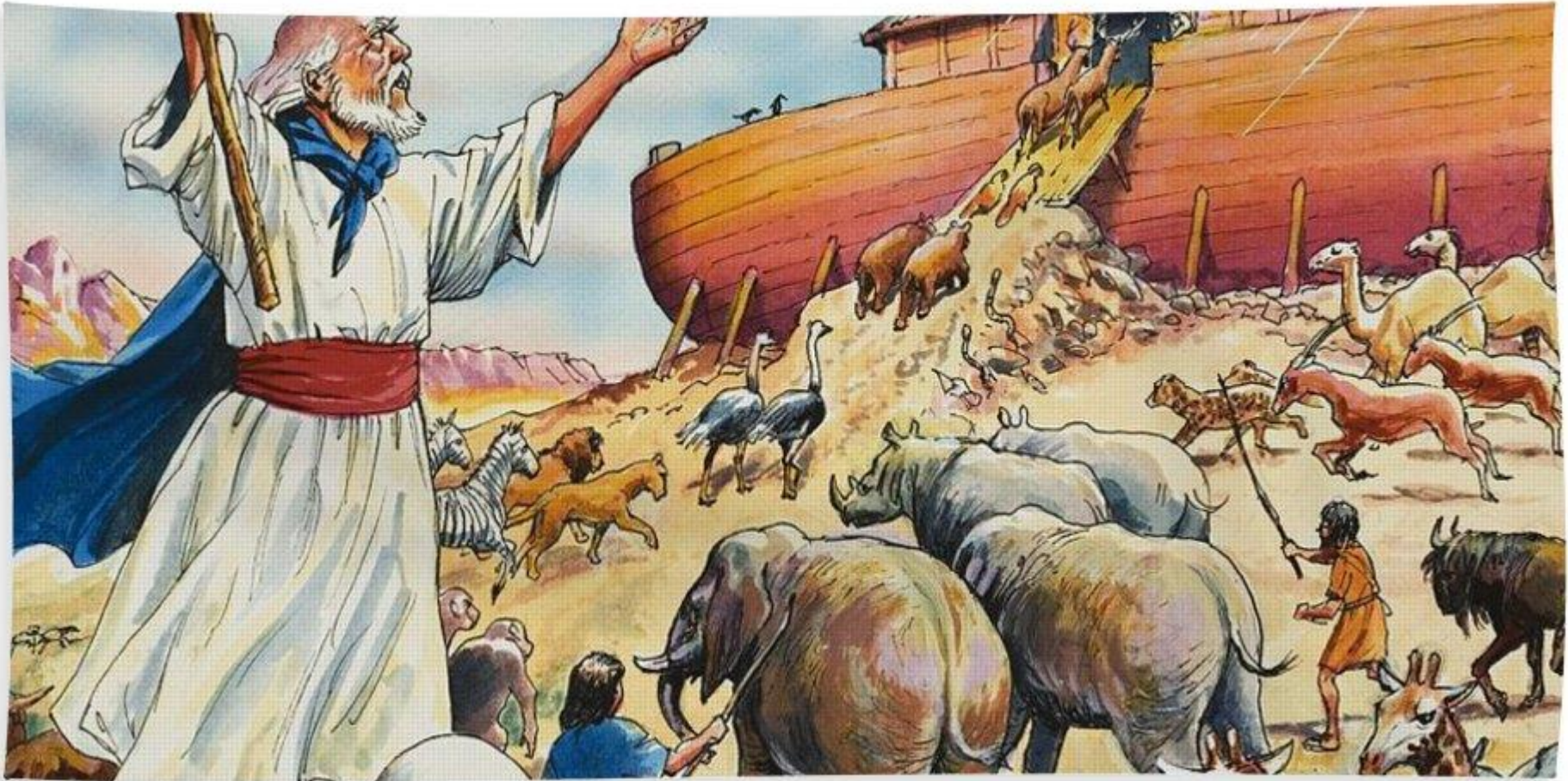
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Be Discerning



Persevere! Don't Give Up!

Noah living in the boat waiting for God to take him and family to a great place



Don't Sleep and
Get FAT in this MCO



Finally Covid 19 is Gone
Now How Do We Get Out?



FAT Disciples of Jesus Christ

Live with Faith, Love, and Hope.

- ***Faithful*** – Be faithful to God.
- ***Available*** – Go love others.
- ***Teachable*** – Learn and Grow.



DISCIPLESHIP

Birth Pain of Joy is Coming

**Jesus' coming is a cause for
celebration not dismay**

A Glimpse from Revelation 20

The Millennium

With Christ in his perfect kingdom!



A photograph of a church building at night. The church has a large, illuminated, white canopy over the entrance. A crowd of people is gathered outside the church, some standing and some talking. The sky is dark, and there are streetlights visible. The text is overlaid on the image.

Holy Lighters
Go Mission with God

**Be Ready for
His Coming Again**