

“What Are We Going to Do With These People?” Acts 4:16

Introduction: Many would agree that if there is one word that best describes 2020 it would be the word: fear. Everywhere it seemed there was fear and distrust. When we take our eyes off Jesus, then we live in fear and start making decisions based on _____ rather than the promises of God.

The great need of the hour is for a grand spiritual awakening in our land where many will turn to the Lord for forgiveness, new hope and new life.

I. An undefeatable, unconquerable movement.

A. In Acts 4:16, the Jewish leaders asked: ‘*What are we going to do with these men?*’

B. Even today, our critics don’t know what to do with us! Vance Havner once said: ‘*They can’t take away our wealth, because it’s stored up in heaven. They can’t take away our freedom, because we are free in Christ. They can’t take away our happiness, because our joy is within us. They can’t defeat us, because we are more than conquerors. They can’t silence us, because the Word of God cannot be chained. They can’t kill us, because we have eternal life.*’

II. America’s best hope.

A. Did you know that the United States got started in between two great revivals? The first great awakening in the mid-1700’s directly prepared for and laid the foundation for the Declaration of Independence and the Revolutionary War. But as time went on, again the light of Christianity dimmed. Church attendance plummeted.

B. That is when the Lord sent the second great awakening in the early 1800’s. As people today try to rewrite our history, as they purposely leave out these hugely important national events, let us remember and teach our kids how _____ was birthed between two of the greatest revivals ever.

Well, we have a God who can still send times of refreshing upon whole nations. So, this is not a time to be discouraged. God can do it again. When twilight comes, that’s when the lights turn on. In twilight times, the church needs to arise. Let me suggest some ways.

III. As twilight approaches, what can the church do?

A. You want to change the world? Share the gospel! The primary problem America faces is not economic or political or racial or viral. America’s biggest problem is a spiritual problem. Any nation that departs from the ways of God will experience His discipline. Don’t fear when all hell breaks loose, fear when all heaven breaks loose. *What’s the greatest thing that has ever happened to you?*

B. Seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this darkness. The early disciples were known for their good works. We too have been created to do the good _____ God has planned for each of us.

C. Speak the truth or live not by lies. May each of us speak the simple truth. There’s no need to embellish it or spin it or only give out half-truths; that’s what our world does.

The church still is the moral and prophetic voice to our nation.

D. Support the church. The church is the only institution Jesus started when He ascended back to heaven. We are plan A on reaching the world. Your church needs you.

E. Pray for revival. We need a third great awakening.

Jesus is coming again, maybe this year! No president can stop Him. No army can hold Him back. And no one can stop His work. His work is unconquerable, it is undefeatable. So, let’s trust Jesus and live for Him with all that we’ve got and take His good news to a world that is in such short supply of good news while there is still time.