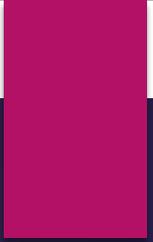


# *Spiritual Protocols* *to* *Overcome a Crisis*

**2 TIM. 1:7**

**“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”**

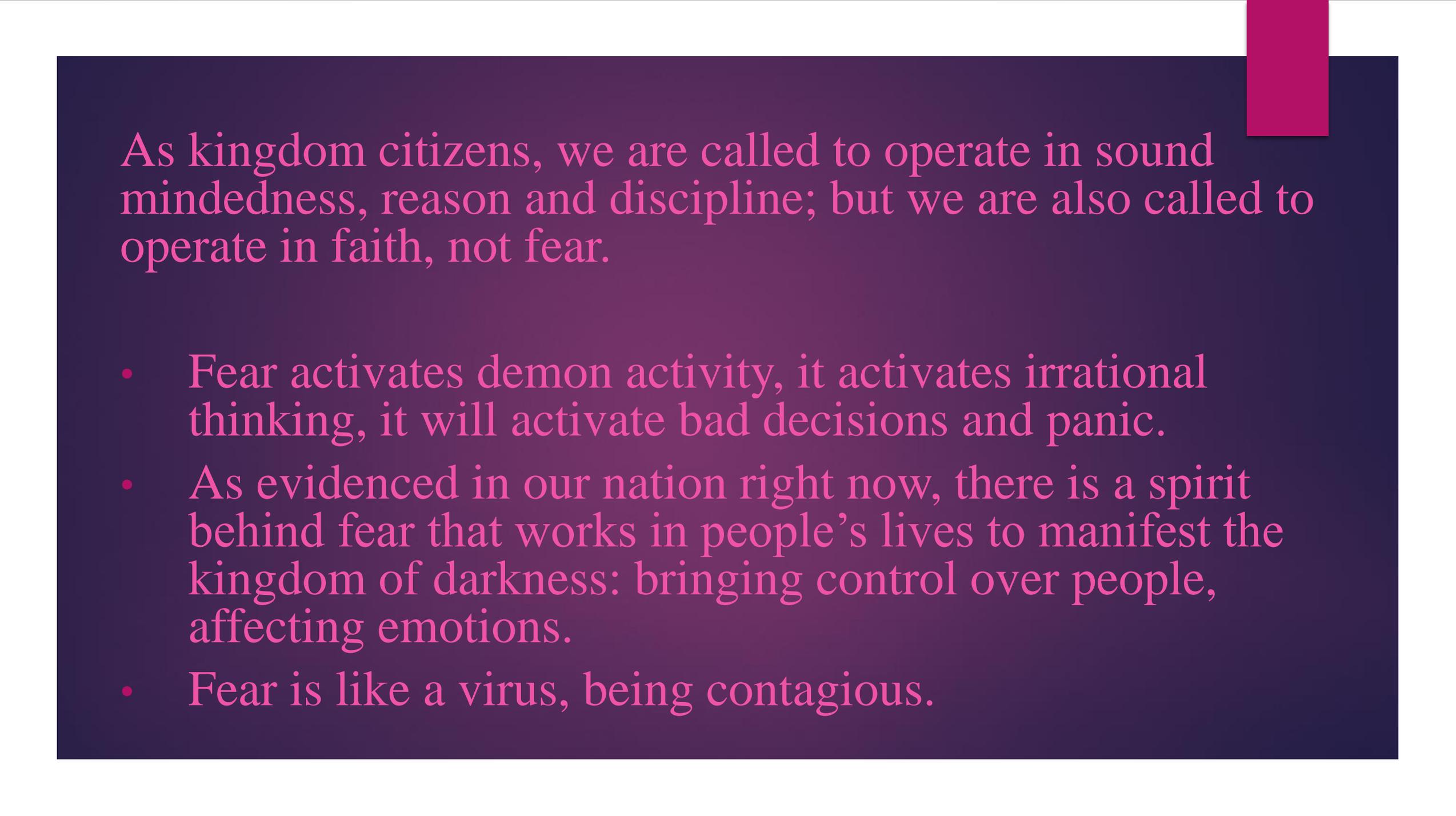


Paul is saying there is a spirit behind fear, which is not from God.

Amp version: “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity [cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear], but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.”

There is a spirit behind power, love, a calm and well-balanced mind, discipline and self-control, which is from God.

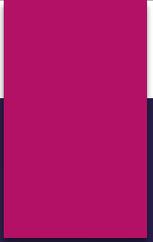
It is provided through the kingdom of God by the Father, through His Son – Jesus.



As kingdom citizens, we are called to operate in sound mindedness, reason and discipline; but we are also called to operate in faith, not fear.

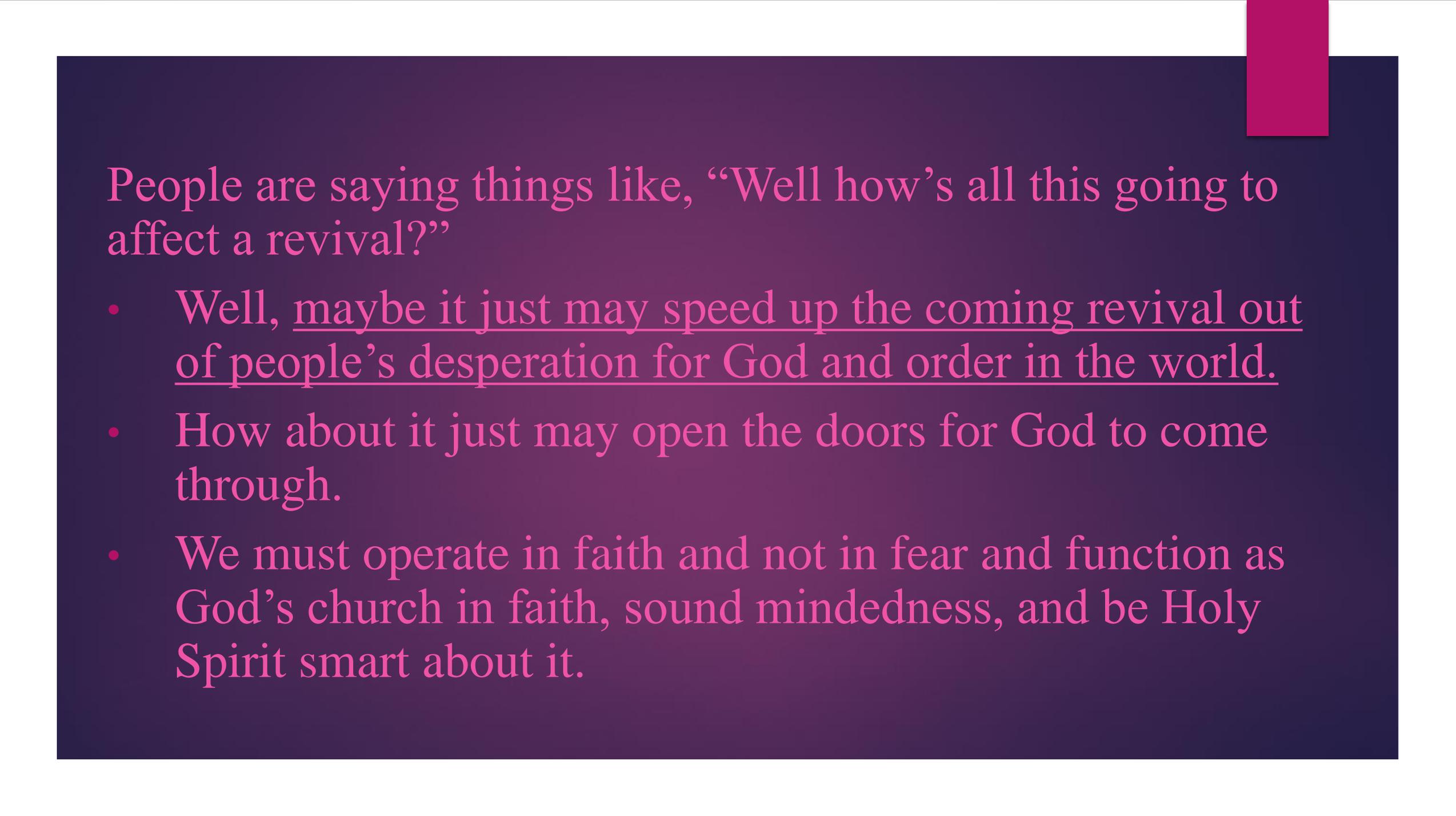
- Fear activates demon activity, it activates irrational thinking, it will activate bad decisions and panic.
- As evidenced in our nation right now, there is a spirit behind fear that works in people's lives to manifest the kingdom of darkness: bringing control over people, affecting emotions.
- Fear is like a virus, being contagious.

- We, as God's people must be on guard not to allow the fear that is so prevalent in our land to cause us to back down from our position:
- I'm not trying to advocate for violence, that is not of God.
- But we must not just lie down and allow the enemy, and those he is using, to usher in the anti-Christ spirit and destroy lives and render the church-body of Christ to irrelevance.



The spirit of fear is active attempting to influence its control over:

- Our ability to be able to gather to worship.
- Our thought patterns and freedom to express our faith/beliefs.
- Our faith in God's ability to change America in a third great awakening of revival bringing in a final harvest of souls.

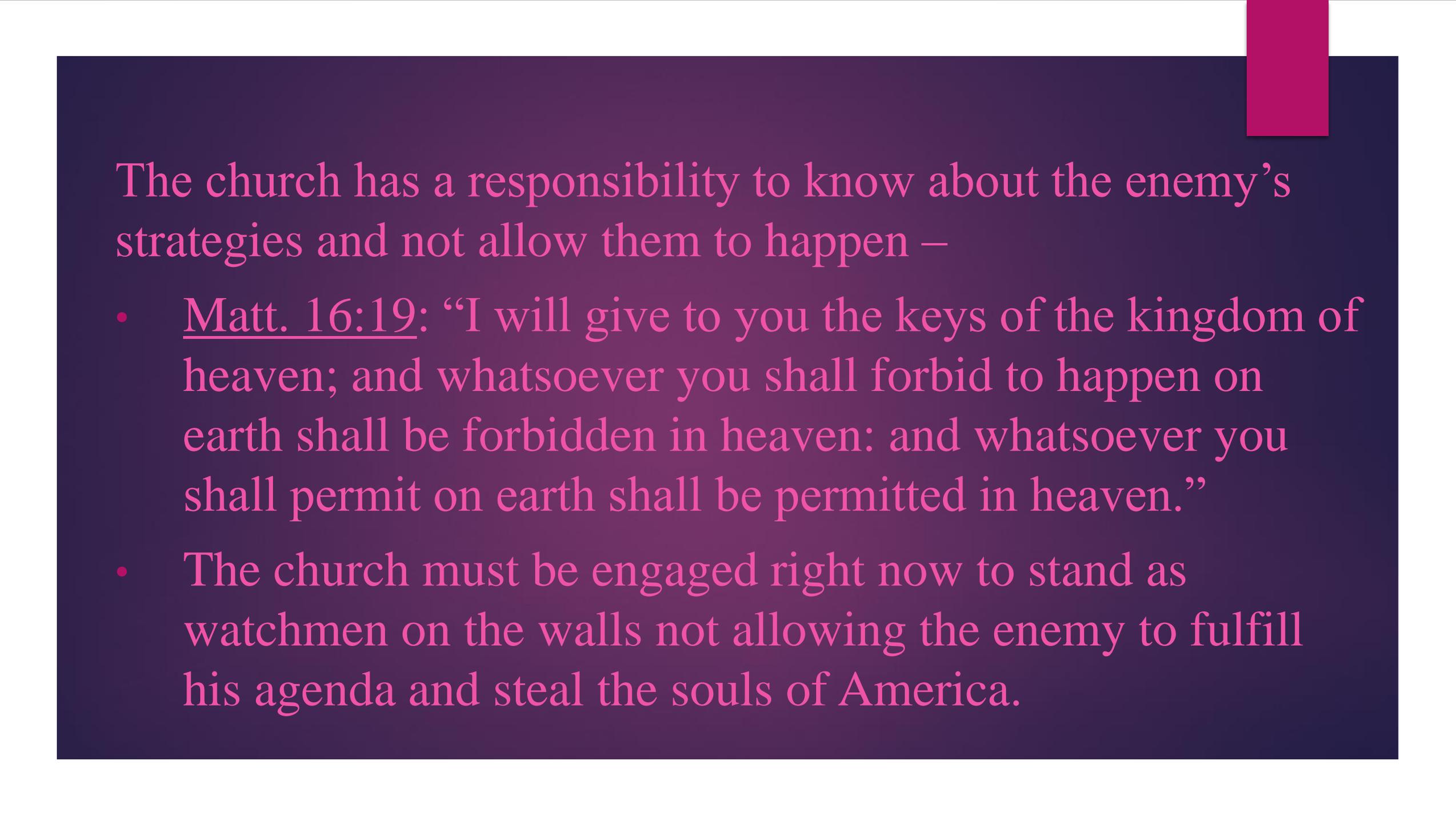


People are saying things like, “Well how’s all this going to affect a revival?”

- Well, maybe it just may speed up the coming revival out of people’s desperation for God and order in the world.
- How about it just may open the doors for God to come through.
- We must operate in faith and not in fear and function as God’s church in faith, sound mindedness, and be Holy Spirit smart about it.

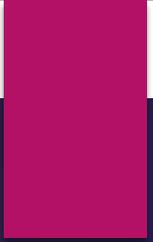
## Throughout the Old and New Testament and even modern history, God's people have found themselves in crisis times:

- In those times of crisis, the church [God's people] are called upon to pray.
- National days of prayer have been called, times of war – prayer meetings have convened, many times of crisis have called God's people to rally and pray asking God for mercy, direction, deliverance, salvation.
- In Israel's times of crisis, they were called together to pray and decree the Word of the Lord.



The church has a responsibility to know about the enemy's strategies and not allow them to happen –

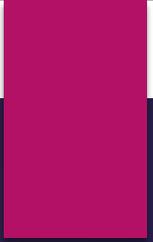
- Matt. 16:19: “I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever you shall forbid to happen on earth shall be forbidden in heaven: and whatsoever you shall permit on earth shall be permitted in heaven.”
- The church must be engaged right now to stand as watchmen on the walls not allowing the enemy to fulfill his agenda and steal the souls of America.

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1. Num. 16 - Moses story is told about his leading the Israelites out of bondage and Moses leadership was opposed by Korah, attempting to take over Moses' leadership.

Korah and the group conspiring with him were destroyed by the Lord sending an earthquake literally swallowing them up into the ground.

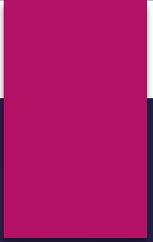
**There is a shaking going on now that we need to pay attention to:**

- Certain types of rebellion cause a reaction in the spirit realm when the sins of nations or groups escalate to a point of judgment.



We are the only people on the planet that have the spiritual ability to raise up a standard of righteousness and faith to withhold this from coming to pass until its God's timing:

2 Thess. 2:6-7: Paul, talking to believers concerning the coming of the Lord, indicated that there is currently a power hindering the man of lawlessness – anti-Christ from taking full control on the earth:



“And now you know what “withholds” that he might be revealed in his time.

For the mystery of iniquity does already work; only He who now “letteth/restrains” will do so until he is taken out of the way.”

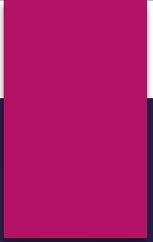
## Three theological ideas of who “he that restrains” is:

1. The Roman government controlling Israel and the world at that time was so strong, no other ruler could rise up until they were removed.
2. Other human governments prevented the anti-Christ from arising during their ruler-ships. Rom. 13:1-5 - purpose of government to provide law and order.
3. The Holy Spirit is the restrainer holding back evil until its appointed time. Once removed at the rapture of the church/bride of Christ; there would be no restrainer against evil and Satan and demons and evil persons would then control the world.



Num. 16:46-50 - the Lord spoke to Moses concerning what to do in this time of fear and rebellion he was experiencing.

Amp- “Moses said to Aaron, take a censer and put fire in it from off the altar and lay incense on it, and carry it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them; the plague has begun! So Aaron took the burning censer as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and behold, the plague was begun among the people; and he put on the incense and made atonement for the people.

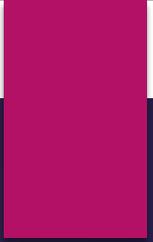


And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stayed. Now those who died in the plague were 14,700. And Aaron returned to Moses to the door of the tent of meeting, since the plague was stayed.

Aaron being high priest and a leader of Christ's kingdom was directed to get the censer and get coals off the altar of the tent of meeting and put incense on the coals and run to the plague line and get between the living and dead.

Everywhere, there was a line of the dead and the living. Aaron came with praise and worship and the plague was stopped.

To stop the plague, we are going to have to worship God, stop and praise Him.



**This is why it is vital for the church to be allowed to meet and function as God's priests to offer praise and worship to stop this and other plagues.**

I encourage you in your private, home, car times to worship, sing, choruses, hymns, praise songs; you can find thousands on YouTube or other worship venues.

**Raise praise between you and the crisis, plagues, problems that come into your life!**

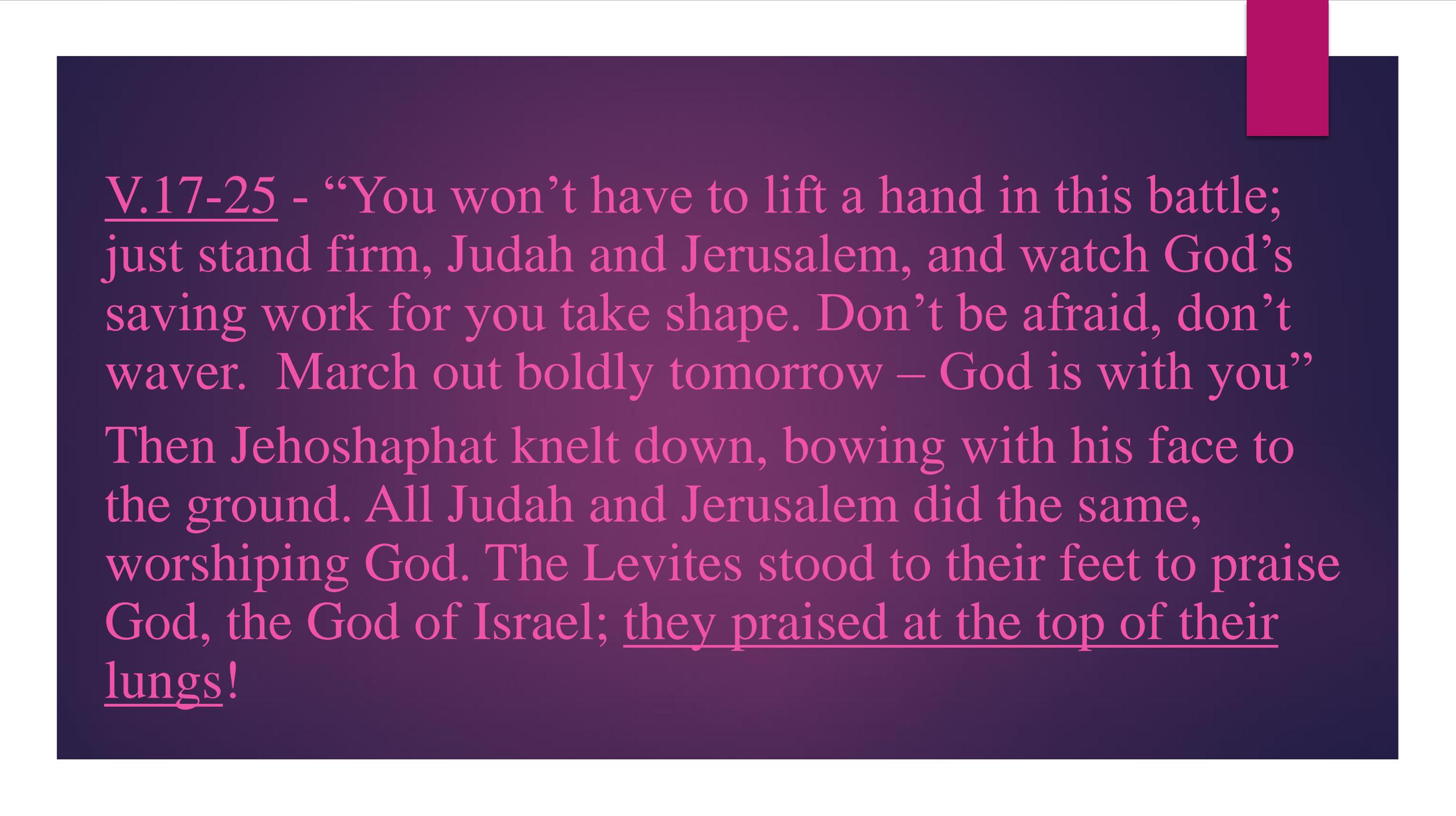
2. 2 Chron. 20: King Jehoshaphat did this when the enemy came against him and Judah.

“It came about that the sons of Moab and sons of Ammon, together with the Meunites, came to make war against Jehoshaphat.”

V. 3 - During a picture of absolute hopelessness, Jehoshaphat calls the people together and “turns his attention to seek the Lord and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. They gathered to seek help from the Lord, they even came from all the cities of Judah to seek the Lord.”

V. 13 - “All Judah was standing before the Lord, with their infants, their wives and their children.”

V.14 - “In the midst of the assembly the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel, the son of Zechariah...and said through him: “Listen, all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: thus says the Lord to you: **DO NOT FEAR OR BE DISMAYED BECAUSE OF THIS GREAT MULTITUDE, FOR THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS, BUT GOD’S.**”

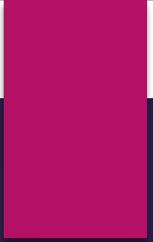


V.17-25 - “You won’t have to lift a hand in this battle; just stand firm, Judah and Jerusalem, and watch God’s saving work for you take shape. Don’t be afraid, don’t waver. March out boldly tomorrow – God is with you”

Then Jehoshaphat knelt down, bowing with his face to the ground. All Judah and Jerusalem did the same, worshiping God. The Levites stood to their feet to praise God, the God of Israel; they praised at the top of their lungs!

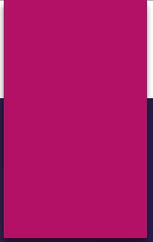
- They were up early in the morning, ready to march into the wilderness of Tekoa. As they were leaving, Jehoshaphat stood up and said, “Listen Judah and Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! Believe firmly in God, your God, and your lives will be firm! Believe in your prophets and you’ll come out on top!”

- After talking it over with the people, Jehoshaphat appointed a choir for God; dressed in holy robes, they were to march ahead of the troops, singing: “Give thanks to God, His love never quits.” As soon as they started shouting and praising, God set ambushes against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir as they were attacking Judah, and they all ended up dead. The Ammonites and Moabites mistakenly attacked those from Mount Seir and massacred them. Then, further confused, they went at each other, and ended up killed.”

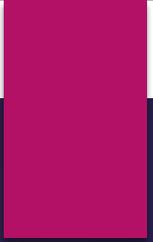


As Judah came up over the rise, looking into the wilderness for the horde of barbarians, they looked on a killing field of dead bodies – not a living soul among them.

When Jehoshaphat and his people came to carry off the plunder, they found more loot than they could carry off – equipment, clothing, valuables. It took three days to cart it away!”



Praise was used to turn the crisis; the word of the Lord came declaring something totally different from the message the world declared.



God miraculously turned things around, giving them not only victory over a sure defeat, but putting into their hands resources they didn't have before.

- We must believe as the church that these are His times. Give God thanks and praise Him for opening ways when there seems to be no way.
- We need to give Him praise expecting Him to release angel armies to help fight for our victory.