

## FINISH LINE

- **QUOTE:** *We are close to the end, but no man knows the date of the end. So don't let anyone tell you that they do.*
- **Matthew 24:36 (MSG)** – *But the exact day and hour? No one knows that, not even heaven's angels, not even the Son. Only the Father knows.*
- **NOTE:** If the Father hasn't told Gabriel (the messenger) and He hasn't told Jesus (the Lord), He certainly hasn't told anybody else you know.
- What He HAS told us is to look for the signs, sense the season, and live every day in a ready position.

## Week #5 – Attitude Adjustments

**II Timothy 3:1 – 5 (NKJV)** *But know this, that in the LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES will come: <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, UNTHANKFUL, unholy, <sup>3</sup> unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup> traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of god, <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power...*

## DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS

- One of the signs of the last days is a sharp increase in children who are disobedient to parents.
- **Ephesians 6:1 – 3 (NLT)** *Children, obey your parents BECAUSE you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. <sup>2</sup> “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: <sup>3</sup> If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.”*
- Many negative stats skyrocketed (teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, divorce rates, etc.) after prayer was taken from school (1962 & 63).
- **QUOTE:** *When you remove the Fear of God, it leads to an overall lack of respect for authority!!*
- **Deuteronomy 21:18 – 21 (NLT)** *Suppose a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father or mother, even though they discipline him. <sup>19</sup> In such a case, the father and mother must take the son to the elders as they hold court at the town gate. <sup>20</sup> The parents must say to the elders, ‘This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious and refuses to obey. He is a glutton and a drunkard.’ <sup>21</sup> Then all the men of his town must stone him to death. In this way, you will purge this evil from among you, and all Israel will hear about it and be afraid.*
- **Exodus 20:12 (NCV)** – *Honor your father and your mother so that you will live a long time in the land that the Lord your God is going to give you.*
- **Deuteronomy 5:16 (NCV)** – *Honor your father and your mother as the Lord your God has commanded you. Then you will live a long time, and things will go well for you in the land that the Lord your God is going to give you.*
- **Deuteronomy 27:16 (NCV)** – *Anyone will be cursed who dishonors his father or mother.” Then all the people will say, “Amen!”*
- Obeying parents (dependent children) and honoring (*Gr. Timao – to prize, to fix value upon*) parents (all children) causes things to go well for us (good & prosperous) and produces longevity.
- Disobeying or dishonoring parents can erase years from a person's life.
- **QUOTE:** *Murders with guns are the No. 1 cause of death for African American men between the ages of 15 and 34.*

## UNTHANKFUL

- In the last days, people will become unthankful – ***Should Not Be So in The Church!!!***

**I Thessalonians 5:16 – 18 (GNT)** *Be joyful always, <sup>17</sup> pray at all times, <sup>18</sup> BE THANKFUL IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus.*

- Often, we forget just how good God has been because we move on to the next prayer request too soon.
- **Joshua 4:4 – 7 (NIV)** *So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, <sup>5</sup> and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, <sup>6</sup> to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ <sup>7</sup> tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”*
- That memorial serves as a reminder that IF HE DID IT BEFORE, HE CAN DO IT AGAIN!!

**Isaiah 51:3 (NKJV)** – *For the Lord will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places; He will make her wilderness like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the Lord; Joy and gladness will be found in it, Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.*

- Zion is seen symbolically in scripture as a parallel to the church (Body of Christ).