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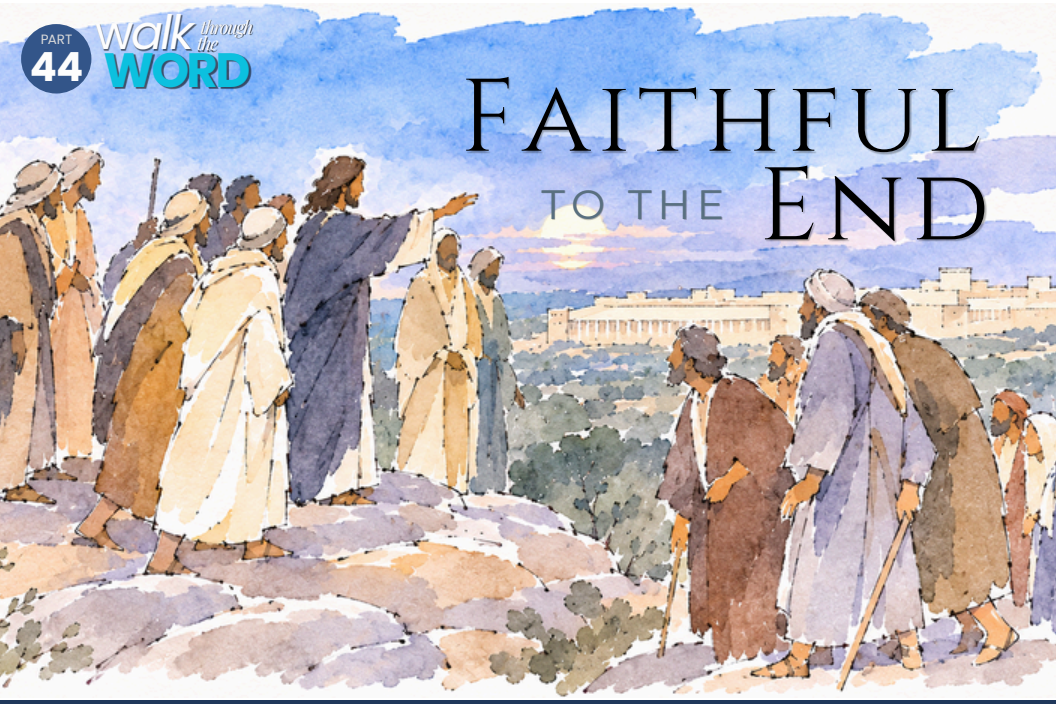

Our Mission

"Go and **MAKE DISCIPLES** of all nations, **BAPTIZING** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **TEACHING** them to observe all I have commanded you." - *Jesus*

Message Notes

Walk Through The Word - Part 44
"Faithful to the End" - Matthew 24:1-14

As Jesus prepares His disciples for His departure, He speaks prophetically about the coming destruction of Jerusalem, the troubles that will characterize the age, and the ultimate hope of His return. He warns them of the trials to come and calls them to…

1) Be _____ in a world of deception (Matthew 24:1–5)

- A disciple's confidence must rest in Christ and His Word, not in religious personalities, movements, predictions, or institutions. Faithfulness requires discernment amid competing voices and false promises.
- See: Matt. 24:23-27, Matt. 7:15-20, 2 Thes. 2:1-3, 1 Jn. 4:1-6

2) Be _____ in a world of turmoil (Matthew 24:6–8)

- Jesus' disciples are not promised a trouble-free journey, and must resist the temptation to live in fear, recognizing that world events do not undermine God's purposes or His promises.
- See: Matt. 24:21-22, Jn. 16:33, Rom.8:18-25, Heb. 12:28

3) Be _____ in a world of opposition (Matthew 24:9–14)

- Disciples must guard their love for God, love for one another, and commitment to the gospel, even when following Jesus becomes costly.
- See: Jn. 15:18-21, Matt. 28:18-20, Act. 1:8, 2 Tim. 3:12-14,

4) Jesus' parables of preparation (Matthew 25)

- *The Ten Virgins*: Be _____. Genuine faith involves a present and ongoing readiness to meet Christ.
- *The Talents*: Be _____. We are to invest our time, abilities and resources in fruitful service of Christ while we await His return.
- *The Sheep and Goats*: Be _____. We cannot separate our devotion to Christ from our love for those He calls us to serve.

Going Deeper

1) If you knew with certainty that Jesus would return in your lifetime, what is one thing you might change about the way you are living today?

2) What are some ways Christians today can be led astray by false teaching, spiritual personalities, or competing voices? How can we cultivate discernment rooted in Scripture?

3) Jesus warns that even impressive religious institutions and structures are temporary (Matt. 24:1–2). What are some things Christians or churches can be tempted to place their confidence in besides Christ?

4) Why are world events so capable of producing fear and anxiety? How does Jesus' teaching help us maintain perspective and confidence in God's sovereignty?

5) Have you ever experienced resistance or discomfort because of your Christian convictions? What helps us remain faithful when following Jesus becomes costly?

6) What causes a Christian's love for God, for other believers, or for the lost to grow cold? What practical habits help us keep our love alive and our faith persevering?

7) Jesus declares that the gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world as a testimony to all nations (Matt. 24:14). How does this promise shape our understanding of the church's mission?

8) In Matthew 25, Jesus illustrates the difference between simply claiming to be ready for His return and actually living in readiness. How should the certainty of His return influence the way we use our time, abilities, and resources today?

Looking Ahead

News & Upcoming Events:

- **Next Steps Classes:** If you would like to explore believer's baptism, church membership or serving in ministry, please join with our next set of classes held after the service on Nov. 8, 15 and 22. Includes a light lunch. Contact *pastorsteve@banwellchurch.org* or call the church office to register.
- **Age Unlimited:** Wed., Nov. 11 at 11am Cathy Reiha sharing about her trip to famous war sites where Canadians distinguished themselves. Lunch at 12:15. Please sign up at the welcome desk.
- **Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoeboxes:** Please return by November 15.
- **Plan to Protect Training:** Saturday Nov. 21 at 10-11:30am. Mandatory for those who serve with children or youth (under 18) and have not completed this training within the past year. More info: *pastorjames@banwellchurch.org*
- **International Potluck:** Saturday Nov. 21 at 5:30pm. Join us for an evening of delicious food, fellowship, and highlighting the cultures and languages of our church family! Wear your traditional clothing, bring a dish to share and celebrate God's heart for the gospel reaching all peoples. Everyone is welcome! Sign up at welcome desk.
- **Christmas Vintage Tea:** All ladies invited Saturday Nov. 28 at 12 noon in outreach centre. Speaker Danielle Gadoury. Freewill offering to support Windsor-Essex Right to Life. Wear your vintage outfit or hat and bring a guest. Sign up online or at welcome desk.
- **Red Wings Faith Day:** Join hundreds of believers on Jan. 23 at Little Caesars Arena to enjoy a pre-game program with a speaker and testimonies of NHL players. Then see the Red Wings face Tampa Bay. Contact Thomas Lovell for registration details at *thomaslovell@outlook.com* or call *(519) 965-6314*.

Connecting With Others:

- **Small Groups:** Contact *pastorjames@banwellchurch.org* for info.
- **Friendship Circle:** Wednesdays at 10:30am
- **Age Unlimited (55+):** Wed Nov 11 at 11am. Sign up at Welcome Desk.
- **Young Adults (Age 18-35):** Contact *pastorjames@banwellchurch.org* for info.
- **Kingdom Kids (Grades 1-5):** Thursdays from 6:30-7:45pm.
- **Youth Group (Grades 6-12)**: Fridays from 6:30-8:45pm
- **Prayer Group:** Fridays at 10am in Library
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, Nov 28 at 8:30am. Sign up at Welcome Desk.