## **What in the world are we going to do? Feb 27, 2022**

## **Uh… the world right now seems to be in chaos.**

## **We’ve just spent 3 years shutting down, opening, shutting down… because of a pandemic.**

## **Now Russia has invaded the Ukraine and of course as some have said, we are on the brink of WW3.**

## **Weren’t we thinking 2022 was going to be better?**

## **We have:**

## **Fears within and fears without**

## **Recession fears, supply chain fears depression fears and war fears!**

## **Time to act in faith**

## **Not a time to complain or gripe about events or people.**

## **Not a time to complain about things not entirely fair**

## **Not a time to be like the world**

## **JESUS SAID!**

## ***John 16:33 “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”***

## **NOW DO YOU BELIEVE THAT?**

## ***Gal 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.***

## ***10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.***

## **How did the apostle Paul do it?**

## ***2Cor 7:4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation. 5 For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears.***

## ***2Cor 7:6 Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, 7 and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was comforted in you, when he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more.***

## ***2Cor 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;***

## ***2Cor 4:9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed–10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.11 For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.12 So then death is working in us, but life in you.***

## ***2 Cor 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart.***

## ***Even though our outward man is perishing*,**

## ***yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.***

## ***1Pet 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,***

## ***1Pet 1:7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith–the salvation of your souls.***

## ***1 Pet 4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you,***

## ***as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.***

## ***14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people’s matters.***

## ***16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.***

## **What’s fascinating is, in the midst of all this “trial teaching” note what he says:**

## ***1Pet 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.***

## **What are we to do at the end of all things?**

## **Run and hide?**

## **NO!**

## ***1Pet 4:8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”***

## ***1Pet 4:9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.***

## ***1Pet 4:10 As each one has received a gift,***

## ***minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.***

## ***11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.***

## **Time to depend on the Spirit of God!**

## ***1Cor 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:***

## ***1Cor 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.***

## ***1Cor 12:18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.***

## **FOR THE PROFIT OF ALL!**

## **Where is your power???**

## ***1Cor 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.***

## ***3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,***

## ***5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.***

## **Next week: David Martin**