

i have no doubt where the Lord is leading me today. i recently came across a video on youtube by jim caviezel entitled "the storm is upon us". he was the actor who portrayed Jesus in "the passion of the christ". it was only published on oct 25th but has already received well over half a million views. if you wish, here is a link for viewing it. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_1CiCur4QVw&t=12s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1CiCur4QVw&t=12s) it is about 18 minutes long but well worth the time spent. i was quite moved by it.

he is an obvious christian and was expounding on not only his faith but how we must all take our stand at this time for the truth of the gospel and the sake of our nation. even as pastors are being arrested in canada, can their agenda here be far behind here? they are quickly moving towards the one world system.

so much fear has penetrated our nation and world. driven by the media and the workings of the enemy, even christians have given place to it and turned against their brethren. i'm not saying one shouldn't be cautious and guard themselves and their loved ones, but would the Lord ever want any of us to find cause against a brother and stand with the world against him? the word says that friendship with the world is enmity with God.

mr. caviezel spoke of how he was injured in the filming. he spoke of how pain is often a blessing because it can refocus us. cause us to view things differently and reevaluate our life. it can redirect our goals and attitudes. it does not even have to be physical pain. physical or mental torment can have it's perfect work if given to God.

i know pain is never pleasant. perhaps that alone is why it can so quickly get our attention. when things are running smoothly, we often move the more important matters to the background. the seeming urgency of a situation or the things needed for life can do the same thing. the truth is there is only one thing that is really important or urgent. that is our relationship with the Lord Jesus. "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." matt 6:33 submitting all to God leaves Him in control.

can one imagine the pain the apostle paul suffered when when he experienced the Lord on the road to damascus. here was a man who longed only to serve God and now he was told he has been fighting against him. even as our Lord was three days in the grave, paul was three days without site.

i think no soul can ever know the torment and fear that must have engulfed him. it must have been an unimaginable pain. yet our Lord was merciful and out of it was reborn a soldier of power and strength who proceeded to expound truths and revelations from the word of God. he wrote a good deal of the new testament.

mr. caveziel by his words, makes us aware that we are the chosen generation. i believe the generation that will usher in the return of our Lord. we must all be bold and unafraid as we march in His army. as we fight in a battle that is waged not with man's weapons but God's. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal

but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds" 2 cor 10:4

oh how many scriptures instruct us of the warfare we are in and how we are to wage the battle.

"behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves." matt 10:16

"your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power". psalm 110:3

"for if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" esther 4:14

"we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." eph 6:12-13 we wrestle for our loved ones, for our nation, and for all those whose lives we have entrance to.

friends, if we are that chosen last generation, and i truly believe we are, we must make our exit taking as many captives as we can. captives to faith in our Lord. even now a great awakening is beginning in areas. but it not complete until it begins in each of

us. our sword may be small but it can still yield a fatal blow. "now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "men and brethren, what shall we do?" acts 2:37 and what was his response in the very next verse? "repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins".

i leave you with the video of mr. caviezel and these words. yes, pain can even have it's perfect work if we turn it to God. "we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose". rom 8:28 have you yet turned it all over to Him?

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