

The 72—Kingdom Leadership and Ministry Training

Finding Our Mission in Tribulation

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1 Our Mission

- The 72—Equipping believers for Kingdom leadership and ministry.
- Creating a Kingdom culture—you represent the very presence, wisdom and voice of God in the earth.

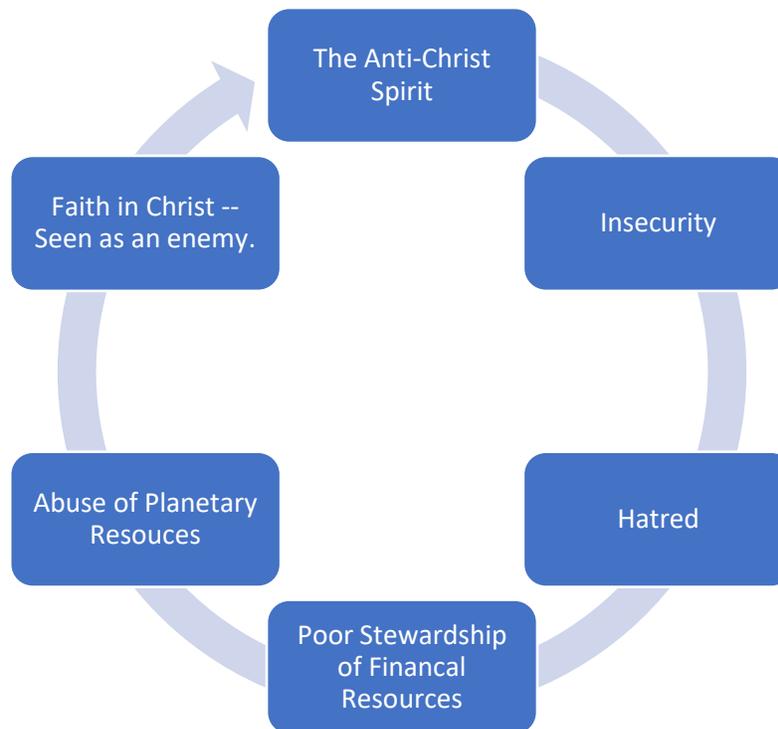
2 End-time Worshippers

- Worship is an exchange.
 - It all starts with God.
 - Worship gives that which is most precious to me for what is most precious to God regarding our destiny.
- Read **Revelation 7:9-17**.
 - The identity of these throne room worshippers:
 - Believers who have come out of the “Great Tribulation.” (v.14)
 - “They washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” (v.14)
 - End-time believers have an ability to see beyond the difficulties and trust in God’s greater plan.
 - Although these worshippers are in the world, they are not of this world.
- Tribulation and trial define who we really are and how we will minister to this age.
- It is critical that we do not respond to what is happening in the world as the world does.

3 The Cyclical Nature of “Last Days” and Suffering

- **1 John 2:18 (ESV)** — ¹⁸ Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour.
- **1 John 4:1-3 (ESV)** — ¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

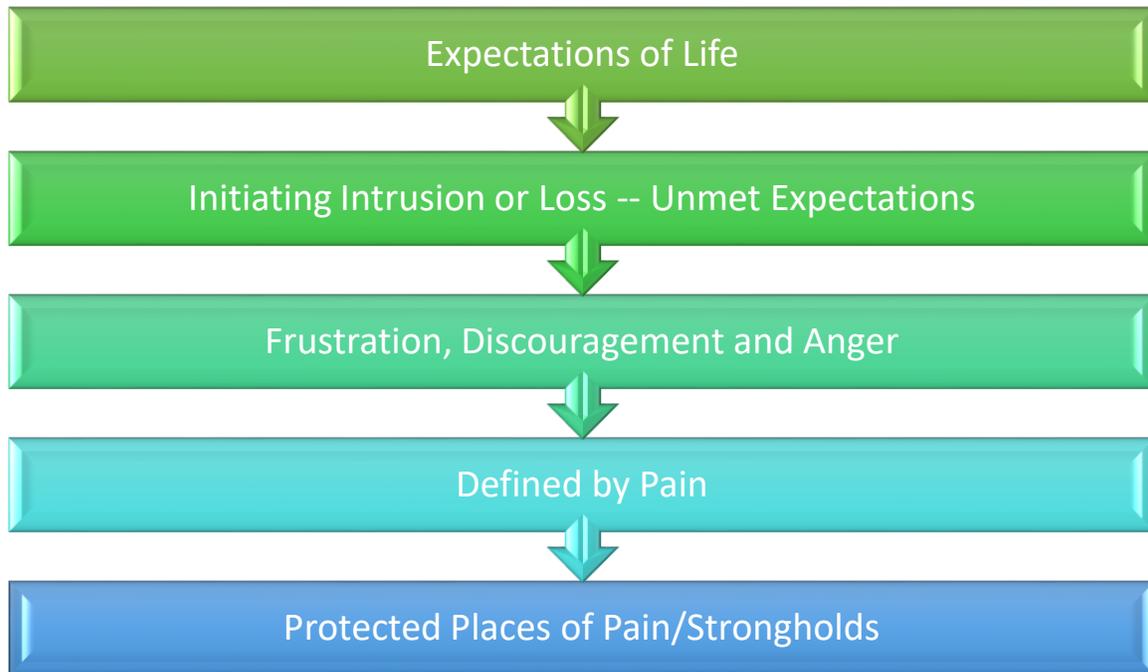
- The 7 Seals (**Revelation 6-11**)
 - First Seal – The White Horse: False Authority
 - Second Seal – The Red Horse: War, Lack of Peace
 - Third Seal – The Black Horse: Financial Chaos
 - Forth Seal – The Pale Horse: Death through Environmental Disasters
 - Fifth Seal – The Martyrdom of the Saints
 - Sixth Seal – Great and fearful signs in the earth and cosmos.
 - Seventh Seal – The Seven Trumpets and The Final Destruction



- The seals describe an increasing outpouring of suffering in the earth.
 - What happens when suffering and fear increase?
 - As suffering increases, there's a shift in society from freedom to "crying out for a savior" that will rescue us.
 - The world continually hands over our freedom under Christ to authorities that promise us peace and security.

- The Tribulation of the "last days" is cyclical.
 - Every generation believes that they are in "the last days" because there are always periods of time where evil increases.

4 Tribulation and Suffering has the potential to lead us into a oppressed life.



- **Ephesians 4:26–27 (ESV)** — ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil.
 - “give no opportunity” = a place of jurisdiction/authority

- **James 1:2–4 (ESV)** — ² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
 - The Father’s greater concern for you is who you are becoming.

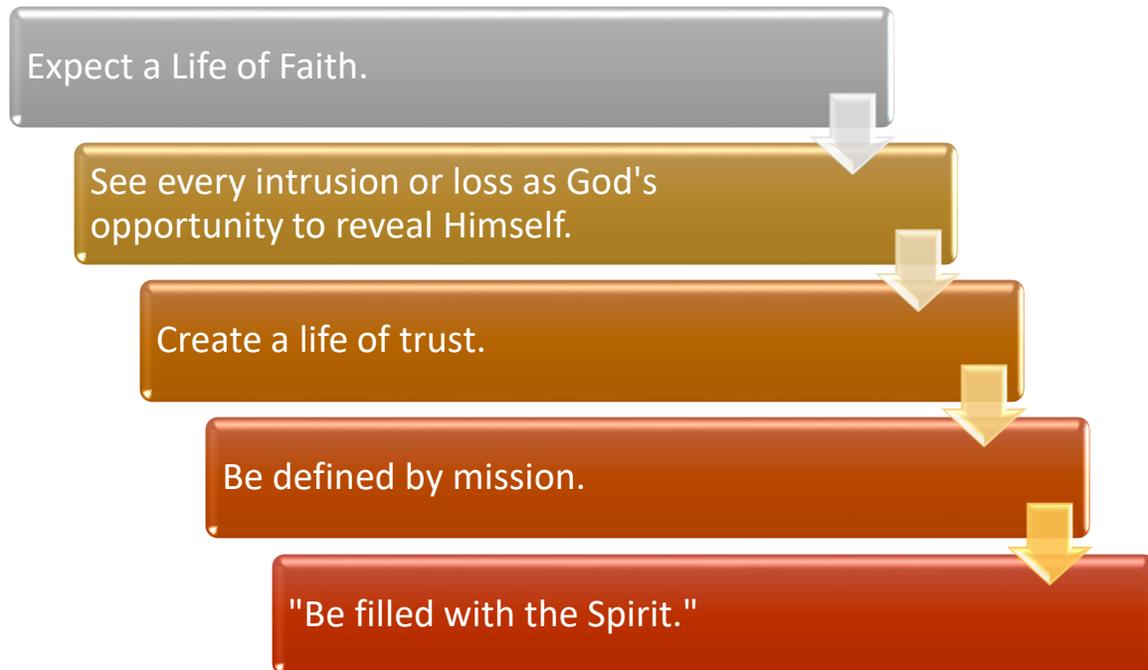
- **James 1:12–15 (ESV)** — ¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.
 - Faithfulness through trial has eternal consequences.

- **John 16:33 (ESV)** — ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

- How did Jesus overcome the world? He fulfilled His mission despite the warfare on His life.

5 The Path Toward Continual Revival.

- **Isaiah 57:15 (ESV)** — ¹⁵ For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.
- The Process Toward Personal Healing



- He's loving us through our trials so that we can love others through their trials.

6 So, what about miracles?

- Miracles are not the full expression of God's love to the world.
 - **Acts 14:3 (ESV)** — ³ So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.
 - **Acts 8:6–8 (ESV)** — ⁶ And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was much joy in that city.
 - **Acts 4:29–30 (ESV)** — ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

- While miracles do demonstrate Jesus' compassion, miracles are more than love; they are a witness to God's Word, Kingdom, and His promises.

- In Christ, you are an eternal being in process.

7 **God is sending you as the answer to ALL tribulation.**

- **John 7:37-39 (ESV)** — ³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

- **Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)** — ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."