



MARANATHA CALENDAR

Maranatha Watch

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Calendar Stream

DAY WATCHES

6am - 9am > Renewal (Heart)

9am - 12pm > Focus (Passions)

12pm - 3pm > Restoration (Nations)

3pm - 6pm > Maranatha (Calendar)

Atmosphere

Spiritual Fields

The fourth and last of the four day watches is Maranatha. We focus on the Calendar prayer stream.

Slowing Down

The last day watch is when we begin to slow down. We've been up since dawn, renewing our commitments to Jesus, focusing on our passions, and praying for the nations. Three o'clock pm is mid-

afternoon when we start to wrap up what we've been working on for most of the day.

You know the Ecclesiastes passage well: a time for life and a time for death, a time for dancing and a time for grieving, a time for embracing and a time for refraining.

The Maranatha Watch is a time to decelerate and reflect.

Maranatha means "Come, Lord Jesus." This prayer is a cry for the return of our Messiah King. Praying "Maranatha," is one of the most wonderful ways we can agree with the Gospel: that it's good and right that Jesus return and judge the world and end this terrible mess we created by rebelling against our Creator. The Maranatha Prayer aligns our desires with God's desire: for all nations, peoples, tribes, and tongues to praise the name of Jesus, for the Devil to be judged and locked up in hell forever, and for the earth and universe to be reborn anew with no death, darkness, suffering, war, sickness, disasters, lies, or bondage.

Galatians 2 says we've been crucified with Jesus Christ and no longer live on our own; Jesus' lives in us through his Spirit. This life is now one of rebirth, rest, and restoration, his life flowing through my life.

Is that true for you?

John 15 says that we are no longer slaves; now we have become friends. The only way to produce heavenly fruit on earth is to abide with Jesus through his Spirit, so that he can bear fruit through our lives.

Is that true for you?

Ephesians 6 our battles in life are not against other humans, but against armies and strongholds of dark powers and dangerous enemies seeking always to condemn and corrupt us. But Jesus' Spirit is with us, and as we stand on Jesus our Solid Rock & Secure Foundation, we can resist whatever enemy fire we face, and God is faithful to defend and protect us.

Is that true for you?

We don't live in a culture of rest anymore. We live in a society of busyness, where hard work equals success. There's a nation in Asia instituting a rule for working adults called 9-9-6. It means that you work twelve hours a day, six days a week: 9am to 9pm, Monday to Saturday. This industrial strategy is being broadcast nationwide as what all good and loyal citizens are going to do from university to retirement.

A busy life is not God's will for anyone.

Hebrews 4 says God prepared a place of rest for all humans, an ancient rest as old as Eden Garden. We are to work and rest. And we work just enough to fulfill God's will for our lives while balancing that work with plenty of rest to remain healthy and enjoy this life.

I grieve in my heart and soul for this nation, and others like her that institute busyness as a national treasure. The result of this Great Evil will be burn out, emotional exhaustion, and broken bodies buried in early graves.

We need daily rhythms of slowing down.

The Maranatha Watch is when we pause to rise up and look at the day. What have I accomplished so far? What do I need to do to wrap up work and go home to enjoy my family? What do I need to delay until tomorrow, delegate to someone else, or drop entirely?

The Maranatha Watch reminds us that King Jesus Christ is coming again soon, whether that be tonight or in a thousand years. The timing of his return is not important; remembering his soon return daily is critical.

Pruning & Preparing

As we pray through the Maranatha Watch, we focus on the Calendar Stream. God's kingdom comes to earth through the Holy Spirit, angels, and Jesus' disciples. We all have unique schedules and changing routines, our time flowing through the waves of many seasons.

Time is precious, and we are designed to discern God's will for us experienced through our days and nights, weeks and months, seasons and years.

It's one thing to have beliefs and values; it's something else to live those beliefs and schedule our values. For example, I know it's important to pray, but do I protect scheduled time for prayer? I know we can pray in the Spirit at all times wherever we are, but I've learned that if I don't carve out a sacred space in my daily routine for focused prayer, I can go whole days without prayer.

Another example is evangelism. We know the world needs to know about Jesus, and each one of us biblically is an ambassador of heaven. But do I schedule a prayer walk around my community? Have I

scheduled coffee/tea with a friend I'm pretty sure has never heard my salvation testimony? Is there someone I'm afraid of sharing the Gospel with because of what they might think or how they may react?

The Maranatha Watch and Calendar Stream combined are very powerful for God's kingdom come. On one hand, we remember Jesus' Gospel & Great Commission and ask the Holy Spirit for help to see our lives, resources, relationships, and time from his perspective. On the other hand, we invite Jesus' Spirit to prune our priorities and strategies, he's welcome to teach us what we don't know or understand, to correct what we believe but is not true, and reveal what is to come that we cannot currently see.

In my journey, some of the greatest blessings have been floating down Jesus' Holy Spirit river, resting in his presence, listening to his voice, and witnessing his revelation of extraordinary, supernatural dreams and visions: how he sees my life, what he's doing in the world, and what he's calling me to step into by faith.

We all need consistent check-ins with the Holy Spirit about our own lives. We need to sit in Jesus' presence and ask him questions and listen to his answers.

Let's begin with our own lives. How am I doing, LORD? How am I feeling? What's going well, and what's falling apart? Where am I making compromises, and what am I blind and deaf to that you're trying to show me, Father? Where have I messed up, and what are you up to in this season of my life? How can I be more like Jesus, and what do I need to work on next?

Welcoming Jesus' Spirit into the deeper spaces of our soul, spirit, emotions, and thoughts opens up all kinds of amazing doors for God's kingdom to come in our lives. And guess what? The overflow from being filled up with the Holy Spirit streams into every other part of our lives: relationships, resources, time, family, churches, passions, problems, coworkers, and nations.

When we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ according to Hebrews 12, it doesn't mean we just stare at a picture of Jesus all day. When Jesus says in Matthew 6 to seek his kingdom and righteousness, it doesn't mean we quit our jobs and sing all day. Jesus wants us to remain in his presence and commune with his Spirit every breath and heartbeat of our consciousness. He never leaves us, so why do we leave him? Why do we give him only firstfruits or leftovers, sometimes nothing at all?

The Maranatha Watch helps us prune, with the Holy Spirit's help, what doesn't belong in our lives, whatever is preventing us from abiding in Jesus and fulfilling his will for our time. The Calendar Stream helps us prepare for what our Heavenly Father wants us to focus on and accomplish for his glory.

As we pray for his kingdom to come and his will to be done, we change and transform. We stop looking at ourselves and the world through human eyes; instead, we rise up to heaven and see the earth from Jesus' view, and everything looks way different. As we change and transform, we also adjust. Somethings we were planning have to go as we prepare for something else. We can't keep adding more and more

appointments and goals without once we had before being pruned out. It's the ebb and flow of communion.

Above & Beyond

We need to see everything daily through our Sovereign Father's sight. As we rest in his presence and soak in his glory and wisdom, he shepherds our perspective.

We are just pilgrims here, my brothers and sisters. Yet, in a practical dimension, we don't live out this Truth in the same way we are called.

All we need to survive in this life are faith, water, food, and shelter. The rest is overflow, and whatever we experience here on earth is temporary and transient.

Remember where God lives and what his life is like. He dwells in inapproachable light. No one has ever seen the Father. We can see Jesus and the Holy Spirit, but God the Father is so marvelous, we don't have the capacity or ability to look at him. He lives in a kingdom of eternal, perfect light with no sin, wickedness, evil, or corruption. He is completely free, because he defines freedom by his divine nature.

He is the only God, there is no other.

Many species he has created in ages past live in this spiritual realm with him. Some we know and others we don't: four living creatures, 24 elders, righteous spirits, cherubim and seraphim angels, and ascended saints. God supervises all enemy forces. He's not in charge of them, but he tells Satan what he can and cannot

assign his demons to do on earth. God watches over all creation on earth and in our universe, holding it all and sustaining it through his Word Jesus Christ. God supervises every human generation on earth, and guides his Church in reaching all nations, peoples, and tribes with the Good News about his Son Jesus Christ in every language and dialect.

For now, life on earth is a great tension between blessings and laughter against curses and suffering. Eternal life will be nothing like this life. Jesus will return and judge all creation. Satan and his worshippers will live in hell unable to escape. All true disciples of Jesus will live in heaven forever with Father, Son, Spirit, and all spiritual beings in a kingdom of love, light, and perfect peace. No more sorrow, no more pain. All curses, wickedness, malice, hatred, lust, greed, pride, cowardice, fear, persecution, and suffering gone in the blink of an eye forever and evermore.

In this kingdom of light we will worship Yahweh, Jesus, and Ruach forever with all the saints and angels. We will no longer be under any curse, and we will no longer sin. What will it be like to be eternally free of temptation, manipulation, condemnation, and death? We don't know. We have absolutely no idea what that world, that age, that reality will be like.

And that's why our hearts cry, "Maranatha" every day.

God's perfection and peace are above and beyond anything we can explain or imagine. He is above the earth in a spiritual realm we cannot see or visit physically. And our destiny lies beyond the confines of this broken age into the wild frontier of the next age.

Brothers and sisters, the Maranatha Watch is so important to each one of us, because it's yet another Gospel reset button we press every day to remember who God is and who we are in him and what that means. We are so easily distracted, we are consistently deceived by the enemy and divided from one another. The smallest thing can cause entire families and tribes to be torn apart for generations, and the Dragon's mission of destruction absolutely must break our hearts and motivate our perseverance.

I'm so thankful for the Good News that Satan is not equal to Jesus. I'm so thankful for the hope we have in Jesus, that we have been saved and our salvation is secure, that Jesus didn't leave earth after his resurrection without a plan, but in the same way that Abba Father always knew he'd send his Son to save the nations, Jesus always knew he'd send his Spirit to indwell and shepherd his disciples everywhere in every generation until his return. I'm so thankful that through the Holy Spirit, we are directly connected to our Father and Savior; a supernatural bridge uniting earth and heaven, our Heavenly Father and his sons and daughters, Jesus Christ and his true disciples.

Let us cherish the Maranatha Watch and engage with the Calendar Stream. Let us remind ourselves and one another every day that King Jesus will return soon. Let us apply this Maranatha focus to our time and treasures, desires and dreams, purpose and priorities. Let us make whatever personal sacrifices Jesus' Spirit asks us to, because God is worthy of all worship in every language among every tribe.

It's time. Let's finish this mission, so we can go home.

Revelation

Verses To Guide Us

Accomplish > As the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without having watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to sow and bread to eat, so My Word will be that goes out from My mouth. It will not return to Me in vain, but will accomplish what I intend, and will succeed in what I sent it for. (Isaiah 55:10-11 TLV)

Ages > We do speak wisdom, however, among those who are mature, but not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. Rather, we speak God's wisdom in a mystery: a wisdom that has been hidden, which God destined for our glory before the ages. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory. (1 Corinthians 2:6-8 TLV)

Alive Forever > When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. He laid his right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last, and the Living One. I was dead, but look: I Am Alive Forever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and Hades." (Revelation 1:17-18 HCSB)

Book of Life > I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:12-15 NKJV)

Casting Crowns > Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the One seated on the throne, the One who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before the One seated on the throne and worship the One who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne and say, “Our LORD and God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because you have created all things, and by your will they exist and were created.” (Revelation 4:9-11 CSB)

Dancing > Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me! O LORD, be my Helper! You have changed my sobbing into dancing. You have removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy so that my soul may praise you with music and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever. (Psalm 30:10-12 GWT)

Day of the LORD > The day of the LORD will come like a thief; on that day the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, the elements will burn and be dissolved, and the earth and the works on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, it is clear what sort of people you should be in holy conduct and godliness as you wait for the day of God and hasten its coming. Because of that day, the heavens will be dissolved with fire and the elements will melt with heat. But based on his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. (2 Peter 3:10-13 CSB)

End of the Age > Jesus said, “This Gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:14 NIV)

Everlasting Light > The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the LORD will be your Everlasting Light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your Everlasting Light, and your days of mourning shall be ended. (Isaiah 60:19-20 ESV)

Forever > You have been born again, not from a seed that can be destroyed, but through God’s Everlasting Word that can’t be destroyed. That’s why Scripture says, “All people are like grass, and all their beauty is like a flower of the field. The grass dries up and the flower drops off, but the Word of the LORD lasts forever.” This word is the Good News that was told to you. (1 Peter 1:23-25 GWT)

Gather > God appeared from Zion, the city of perfect beauty. Our God is coming and will not keep quiet. Fire burns in front of him. There is a great storm around him. He tells the sky and the earth to be witnesses as he judges his people. He says, “My followers, gather around me. Come, my worshipers, who made an agreement with me.” God is the Judge, and the skies tell how fair he is. [Selah] (Psalm 50:2-6 ERV)

Glory of Adonai > Above the expanse over their heads was something like a throne, resembling a sapphire stone. Above the shape of the throne was a figure of human appearance. From what appeared as his waist

upward, I saw a glowing metal, looking like a fire encased in a frame. From what was like his waist down, I saw the appearance of fire radiating around him. Like the appearance of the rainbow in the cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the radiance. It was the appearance of the likeness of the Glory of Adonai. I saw it, fell upon my face, and heard the voice of the One who was speaking. (Ezekiel 1:26-28 TLV)

Hear > Jesus said, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Heaven > I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God illuminates it, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24 CSB)

Heaven’s Living Bread > Jesus said, “Anyone who eats the bread from heaven, however, will never die. I am the Living Bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh.” (John 6:50-51 NLT)

Hope of Glory > To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the Hope

of Glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.
(Colossians 1:27-28 ESV)

Jesus Christ > Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope, and so we look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for his people. He keeps them for you in heaven, where they cannot decay or spoil or fade away. (1 Peter 1:3-4 GNB)

Judge of the Living & Dead > He commanded us to preach to the people and to solemnly testify that He is the One Appointed by God to be the Judge of the Living and the Dead. All the prophets testify about Him that through His name everyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins. (Acts 10:42-43 HCSB)

Last Enemy > When Christ comes again, those who belong to him will be raised to life, and then the end will come. At that time, Christ will destroy all rulers, authorities, and powers, and he will hand over the kingdom to God the Father. Christ must rule until he puts all enemies under his control. The last enemy to be destroyed will be death.
(1 Corinthians 15:23-26 NCV)

Last Hour > Dear children, the last hour is here. You have heard that the Antichrist is coming, and already many such antichrists have appeared. From this evidence, we know that the last hour has come. These people left our churches, but they never really

belonged with us; otherwise, they would have stayed with us. When they left, it proved that they did not belong with us. But you are not like that, for the Holy One has given you his Spirit, and all of you know the Truth. (1 John 2:18-20 NLT)

Living God > King Darius published this proclamation to every race, color, and creed on earth: “Peace to you! Abundant peace! I decree that Daniel’s God shall be worshiped and feared in all parts of my kingdom. He is the Living God, world without end. His kingdom never falls. His rule continues eternally. He is a Savior and Rescuer. He performs astonishing miracles in heaven and on earth. He saved Daniel from the power of the lions.” (Daniel 6:25-27 MSG)

Lord of the Living & Dead > If we live, it’s to honor the Lord. And if we die, it’s to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Christ died and rose again for this very purpose: to be Lord both of the Living and of the Dead. (Romans 14:8-9 NLT)

Paradise > In those days people will live in the houses they build and eat the fruit of their own vineyards. Unlike the past, invaders will not take their houses and confiscate their vineyards. For my people will live as long as trees, and my chosen ones will have time to enjoy their hard-won gains. They will not work in vain, and their children will not be doomed to misfortune. For they are people blessed by the LORD, and their children, too, will be blessed. I will answer them before they even call to me. While they are still talking about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers! (Isaiah 65:21-24 NLT)

Precious Hope > Our faith in Jesus transfers God's righteousness to us and he now declares us flawless in his eyes. This means we can now enjoy true and lasting peace with God, all because of what our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, has done for us. Our faith guarantees us permanent access into this marvelous kindness that has given us a perfect relationship with God. What incredible joy bursts forth within us as we keep on celebrating our hope of experiencing God's glory! (Romans 5:1-2 TPT)

Revealer of Mysteries > Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for he alone has all wisdom and all power. World events are under his control. He removes kings and sets others on their thrones. He gives wise men their wisdom and scholars their intelligence. He reveals profound mysteries beyond man's understanding. He knows all hidden things, for he is Light, and darkness is no obstacle to him. I thank and praise you, O God of My Fathers, for you have given me wisdom and glowing health, and now even this vision of the king's dream and the understanding of what it means. (Daniel 2:20-23 TLB)

River of Life > Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. (Revelation 22:1-2 ESV)

Saints Worship > Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying

out, “Hallelujah! For the LORD our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exalt him and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure,” for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.
(Revelation 19:6-8 ESV)

Son of Man > I was watching in the night visions. Behold, One like a Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days, and was brought into His presence. Dominion, glory and sovereignty were given to Him that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will never pass away, and His kingdom is one that will not be destroyed. (Daniel 7:13-14 TLV)

Spirit of Glory > Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to test you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 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. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of Glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Peter 4:12-14 NKJV)

Time is Precious > Don’t waste your time on useless work, mere busywork, the barren pursuits of darkness. Expose these things for the sham they are. It’s a scandal when people waste their lives on things they must do in the darkness where no one will see. Rip the cover off those frauds and see how attractive they look in the light of Christ. “Wake up from your sleep, climb out of your coffins; then, Christ will show you the

light!” So watch your step. Use your head. Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times! Don’t live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what the Master wants.

(Ephesians 5:11-17 MSG)

Time Without End > Glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of— infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. May he be given glory forever and ever through endless ages because of his master plan of salvation for the Church through Jesus Christ.

(Ephesians 3:20-21 TLB)

Tomorrow is Unknown > Listen carefully, those of you who make your plans and say, “We are traveling to this city in the next few days. We’ll stay there for one year while our business explodes and revenue is up.” The reality is you have no idea where your life will take you tomorrow. You are like a mist that appears one moment and then vanishes another. It would be best to say, “If it is the Lord’s will and we live long enough, we hope to do this project or pursue that dream.”

(James 4:13-15 VOICE)

Zion’s Invitation > Behold, I am coming soon, and My reward is with Me, to pay back each one according to his deeds. “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. How fortunate are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the Tree of Life and may enter through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the sexually immoral and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves

and practices falsehood. I, Yeshua, have sent My angel to testify these things to you for My communities. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” The Ruach and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who wishes freely take the water of life! (Revelation 22:12-17 TLV)

Zion’s King > The kings of earth set themselves up and rulers conspire together against Adonai and against his Anointed One: “Let’s rip their chains apart, and throw their ropes off us!” He who sits in heaven laughs! Adonai mocks them. So he will speak to them in his anger, and terrify them in his fury: “I have set up my King upon Zion, my Holy Mountain.” I will declare the decree of Adonai. He said to me: “You are my Son. Today, I have become your Father. Ask me, and I will give the nations as your inheritance, and the far reaches of the earth as your possession.” (Psalm 2:2-8 TLV)

Zion’s Zeal > Listen to these messages from God of the Angel Armies: “I am zealous for Zion, I care! I’m angry about Zion, I’m involved!” “I’ve come back to Zion, I’ve moved back to Jerusalem. Jerusalem’s new names will be Truth City, and Mountain of God of the Angel Armies, and Mount Holiness.” “Old men and old women will come back to Jerusalem, sit on benches on the streets and spin tales, move around safely with their canes—a good city to grow old in. And boys and girls will fill the public parks, laughing and playing—a good city to grow up in.” (Zechariah 8:1-5 MSG)

Treasures

Practicing Heaven Here & Now

Promises

- Through Jesus Christ, we are conquerors of sin, hardship, persecution, dangers, and death. God loves us and clears the way for us to be free and victorious through Jesus. Because God's love is perfect and salvation secure, nothing and no one can ever separate us from his love. (Romans 8:35-39)
- God's will is knowable, even though his ways are mysterious. The key to understanding what God wants for each one of us in every season of our lives is to worship him, to lay down our rights and comforts, to offer our lives, resources, and relationships to his Lordship, and then by the Spirit he transforms us to become more like Jesus, and we may then discern his will. (Romans 12:1-2)
- While we face great pain and intense suffering throughout this life journey, we hold onto hope, because Jesus promised to return. The archangel will sound heaven's trumpet, our Lord Jesus will descend to earth, and we will rise to meet him and all the saints in the air. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
- Jesus is coming again soon; he promised to return. We pray and make disciples to this end: to guide every generation to the Good News and salvation in Jesus' name. Everything we commit to must be aligned with Jesus' mission. (Revelation 22:17-21)

- Judgment Day will be both the most wonderful and terrible day of this age. All who chose other paths than Jesus Christ will be thrown into the Dragon's Fire Lake. But, all who have decided to follow Jesus without turning back will be welcomed into eternal life and pure paradise. We must remember this Day, and stay close to Jesus' Spirit. (Revelation 20:11-15)
- We must trust completely in our Abba Father Yahweh's timing. Our time in his timing. We don't see everything clearly. In any life situation, we will find ourselves with limited understanding and partial sight. Jesus made many decisions that even his closest disciples could not understand and even disagreed with, like when he knew Lazarus was sick. Jesus waited until he died before going to visit his family, because the Father had told Jesus to wait, so that he could resurrect him from death. (John 11:1-11)
- The Bible has prophecies about future events that were revealed thousands of years ago by faithful prophets, and many of those prophecies have yet to come true in our generation's future, at a time unknown to anyone but our Heavenly Father. So, our hope is anchored in our God who is all-knowing, who created space, time, and reality and who laid out the dimensions of reality and boundaries of time from Adam & Eve in the Garden until Judgement Day. We must ask our Father daily in prayer what his will is for how we steward our time. (Psalm 139:13-18)
- Jesus promises to bless us if we will live by faith. It's a mysterious experience to read the Bible, believe it's true, and begin a spiritual friendship with a

supernatural God that you can't see but can hear in your heart and mind as you pray. (John 20:24-29)

- As disciples of Jesus, we often create a Plan B" in case God doesn't work the way we want him to. "Plan A" is to trust God and do what he says. Plan B is to do what we want if God doesn't respond to our prayers quickly with an answer we desire. With the Holy Spirit's help, let's crucify every Plan B on the cross. Let's commit to waiting on the LORD to reveal his will in his timing. Let's be satisfied with knowing and loving God, and let's not try to rush his revelation or take next steps alone. (Proverbs 3:5-18)

Prayers

- Celebrate with singing and dancing the Good News that King Jesus Messiah will return soon!
- Nurture a sense of anticipation in your heart for what is to come. Pray for this anticipation flame to remain ablaze especially through suffering, persecution, troubles, challenges, failures, and pain.
- Rejoice that our Father chose from the beginning to redeem people from every tribe and tongue. Can you imagine what it will be like to talk to anyone in heaven without any language or culture barriers?
- Confess ways that I am being selfish with my time, relationships, and resources. Ask Jesus' Holy Spirit to see these heavenly blessings from God's perspective and to make changes as he leads.

- As we make new friends with other people from other nations, cultures, and languages, pray for an understanding to discern the rhythms and values of how other people live their lives and steward their time and relationships. Pray for a spirit of flexibility and a heart for adaptation to meet people where they are, making adjustments as the Spirit leads.
- Pray for a balance to my routine through the various streams of a fruitful human life: personal, spiritual, rest, family, fun, community, work, church, missions, passions, skills, and dreams. Pray for miraculous wisdom and extraordinary discipline to balance these different streams, making adjustments through changing seasons and life stages as the Spirit leads.
- Pray for the body of Christ to live with Maranatha vision. Pray for churches that are self-focused and self-dependent to return to a focus on Jesus and devotion to Christ-dependence in all their decisions.
- Pray for a Maranatha lifestyle for all Jesus' disciples in all generations. Pray for the Maranatha vision to bring focus to people's Spirit-led passions. Pray for disciples to live with heaven in their hearts and Christ's return on their minds. Pray for every disciple who has never learned to make their own disciples to wake up, take a leap of faith, and give it a try.
- Pray with evangelists and apostles advancing Jesus' kingdom message all around the world for protection, rest, and refreshment. Pray for their joy to be in their companionship with Jesus' Spirit and not in their strategies, resources, achievements, or goals.

- Pray for prophets, shepherds, and teachers to adopt, advocate for, and take care of apostles and evangelists. Pray for rivers of abundant resources to flood the mission fields and discipling needs of this generation. Pray for all Jesus' disciples to come together as one people according to God's design and will. Pray for a sacred cooperation across denominational, associational, and coalition lines. Pray for a holy unity in Jesus' Church the likes of which no one has ever seen or heard of before.
- Pray for supernatural breakthrough among the most dangerous and difficult heart soils left among today's unreached and unengaged people groups and tribes. Pray for people who persecute, abuse, and murder missionaries to repent of their wickedness and be transformed into discipling missionaries themselves. Pray for miraculous open doors to unengaged tribes that today are inaccessible because of government, military, or geographical barriers. Pray for tribes with zero believers to awaken to Jesus Christ, crush their satanic idols into powder, and fall down at the feet of the Ancient of Days.
- Pray for Maranatha shifts in local churches. Pray for a shift from believers figuring out ways to disciple existing believers to innovating ways to reach the lost in their communities. Pray for church staff and elders/overseers to spend less time keeping and maintaining what they have and, instead, figure out how they can boldly, courageously, and sacrificially distribute resources to Great Commission frontiers. Pray for preachers to shift from focusing on member and investor retention to sending out discipling makers.

Practice

- Remember the thieves nailed to the cross. Remember the thief who was so close to Jesus and yet chose to reject him even in death and go to hell. And remember the thief who began insulting Jesus, but changed his mind and asked Jesus to save him. Remember this beautiful moment. Believe that there's always hope for anyone, no matter what they've done or how they've lived, all the way to their dying breath, which includes you and me. Pray through your Contacts and ask Jesus' Holy Spirit if there's anyone in your life that you've given up on. Pray for their salvation, and ask Jesus' Spirit for one next step to take in reaching them with the Gospel.
- Evaluate your personal progress in balancing the different streams of heaven's fruitfulness here on earth through a human life: personal, spiritual, rest, family, fun, community, work, church, missions, passions, skills, and dreams. Where are you the strongest, and where are you the weakest? What are you doing too much of, and where do you need to take a first step? What dreams have you delayed pursuing because you think they can't be done or you're unwilling to set apart time to take a chance on something unknown or scary? Pray and ask Jesus' Spirit to reveal Abba Father's heart for your life and future in each one of these kingdom streams.
- Galatians 2 calls us to live by faith, walking with Jesus every day. Remember that Jesus is a missionary, and to be his true disciple is to also be a missionary. It doesn't mean you sell all your possessions and move to another nation. It doesn't

mean you quit your job and raise financial support and learn new languages. Most discipling are in normal, marketplace jobs with families at home. They simply make disciples as they go about their day. Discipling is not trainings, processes, resources, and results. Discipling is people gathering to experience Jesus' Holy Spirit together through friendship, Scripture, and prayer. Focus on the missions stream and ask, "Holy Spirit, where in my weekly routine can I carve out one hour for discipling? Where will we meet, and who will I invite? What book of the Bible do you want us to begin discussing?" With those answers, call up the ones the Good Shepherd guided you to, and set up your first meeting as soon as possible.

- Create a list of questions you have about heaven. What will it be like? Where will I live? What language will we speak? Can I see God the Father? Will I eat food? How many humans will be there? Can I hang out with angels? Will I still be married to my spouse? Will my family live altogether somewhere like we do here? Can I fly? Can I breathe underwater? Will I sleep? What will I do forever if there's no sin, temptation, death, or night? Spend time researching and discussing these questions with others from the Scriptures. Be careful not to take Scriptures out of context, or base your answers on any single verse or passage. Remember that most questions about the next age can't be definitively answered because they're in the future, and we just won't know until we get there. Use this resource for encouragement and cultivating a Maranatha Vision spirit in your soul.

- Assess your weekly routine, and consider our shared calling to both rest and discipleship. If you're not already doing it, when can you take a sabbath day for rest, refreshment, and renewal in Jesus' Spirit? If you're not already doing it, what are your next steps in the Great Commission. Return to the Bible's list of spiritual gifts from Jesus' Holy Spirit and ask how you can make disciples of all nations with your special mix of kingdom gifts/skills/passions: administration, advocacy, angelic visitations, apostles, blessing, creativity, deliverance, destiny revelation, discernment of spirits, dreams, encouragement, evangelists, flexibility, foresight, healing, hospitality, interpretation, languages, leadership, martyrdom, new songs, persecution, poverty, prophecy, prophets, raising the dead, restoring ruins, serving, shepherds, signs & wonders, special knowledge, stewardship, suffering, teachers, tongues, vision, and visions. Remember to consider how you can use your gifts on a team with other disciples who have different gifts than your own. We're in the danger zone in the Church & Great Commission when we elevate some gifts above others or some leaders as greater than others. We are all equal in Christ, and we all equally need one another in Jesus' Mission.
- If you've never created a Life Plan just for fun, give it a go. In the context of the Gospel & Great Commission, and knowing that God's will is mysterious and no one can possibly plan out their whole life time, just dream for a bit. Where would you like to be next year? Three years? Five years? Ten years? Twenty-five years? Fifty years? What's on your bucket list (things you want to experience before you die) that you can do in the next calendar year? If

money and access were no longer barriers, what would you choose to do with your time left in this age? What's something you've always wanted to do but never had the courage or made the time to try? Who is someone in your life you wish you were closer to and what are you going to do about it? If you could change only one thing about your life over this next year, what is it, and is it possible that you can make that change happen in reality with the Holy Spirit's help? Pray over your Life Plan and worship Abba Father in Spirit in Truth, surrendering all of it into his hands, and asking for his kingdom to come and his will to be done in and through your lifetime.

- Schedule a Maranatha Vision prayer gathering locally or online. Prepare for the prayer fellowship with world maps, lists of unreached and unengaged people groups, Great Commission Scriptures, and missionary stories. Visit an international grocery store and grab snacks to serve from other countries. Research mission agencies online who mobilize disciplemakers to unreached places and use their prayer lists. Take turns praying for people groups around the world who remain in darkness today.
- Create a Personal Sacrifices list. I've heard many overseas missionaries who visit the United States bear witness to our nation being asleep. Several missionaries have testified about America's addiction to the drug of personal comfort. Jesus calls us all in Matthew 16 to make personal sacrifices as his true disciples. When was the last time I gave so generously that I had to go without something I love? What's something I know Jesus wants me to do that I'm unwilling to do, because I know it will be hard?