

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY – RESTORED IN CHRIST

Take Heed, Watch, and Stay on Mission

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OVERVIEW

In this message, Chad Everett teaches from Mark 13 and calls the Church to return to a clear, biblical focus in a distracted and divided world.

The disciples asked Jesus about timelines and signs, but Jesus redirected their attention to something more important: how they should live. His instruction was not centered on speculation, but on spiritual posture—**take heed, watch, and stay on mission**.

In a time filled with voices, opinions, and constant information, believers can easily be led off course. Jesus warns that deception often comes through distraction and drifting away from the truth.

Believers are called to be spiritually alert, grounded in Scripture, and prepared to respond appropriately—not shaped by culture, but by the Word of God.

The mission remains clear: the gospel must be preached. Every believer is sent to share the good news of Jesus.

Because of this message:

- We are called to take heed so we are not deceived
 - We are called to watch and remain spiritually alert
 - We are called to stay on mission and preach the gospel
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HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

Read → Respond → Reflect

Open your Bible. Read the Scripture. Let the Word answer the questions.

The goal is not just understanding—but alignment with God's Word.

SECTION 1 — TAKE HEED: GUARD AGAINST DECEPTION

Focus

“Take heed that no one deceives you.”

Read

Mark 13:5, Colossians 2:8, 2 Timothy 3:16–17

Respond

1. According to Mark 13:5, what does Jesus tell His followers to be careful about?
2. In Colossians 2:8, what are believers warned not to be taken captive by?
3. According to 2 Timothy 3:16–17, what does Scripture do in the life of a believer?
4. Based on these passages, how can someone be led away from truth?
5. Why is Scripture essential for staying grounded in truth?

Reflect

- What is shaping my thinking most right now?
 - Have I allowed anything to pull me away from God’s truth?
 - How can I become more consistent in reading and studying the Word?
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SECTION 2 — TAKE HEED: DISCERN DISTRACTION

Focus

Pay attention so you do not drift.

Read

Mark 13:5, Hebrews 2:1, Psalm 1:1–2

Respond

1. According to Hebrews 2:1, what happens if we do not pay close attention to truth?
2. In Psalm 1:1–2, what does a person rooted in God’s Word look like?
3. What do these passages reveal about the danger of drifting?
4. How can something not be sinful, yet still distract us from truth?
5. Why is it important to guard your focus?

Reflect

- What distractions are taking my attention right now?
- Am I spending more time consuming content or engaging with Scripture?
- What needs to change in my daily habits?

SECTION 3 — WATCH: STAY SPIRITUALLY ALERT

Focus

Be alert and watchful.

Read

Mark 13:9, Mark 13:33, 1 Peter 5:8

Respond

1. According to Mark 13:9, what responsibility does each believer have?
2. In Mark 13:33, what instructions does Jesus give about how we should live?
3. According to 1 Peter 5:8, what posture should believers have?
4. What do these verses reveal about spiritual awareness?
5. Why is it important to be prepared and watchful?

Reflect

- Am I spiritually alert or distracted right now?
- Do I take responsibility for my own spiritual growth?
- What would it look like to become more watchful in this season?

SECTION 4 — WATCH: SEE THROUGH A BIBLICAL LENS

Focus

Let Scripture shape your perspective.

Read

Romans 12:2, Isaiah 55:8–9, Psalm 119:105

Respond

1. According to Romans 12:2, how is a believer transformed?
2. What do Isaiah 55:8–9 reveal about God's ways compared to ours?
3. In Psalm 119:105, how does God's Word guide a believer's life?
4. What do these verses show about how we should form our thinking?
5. Why is it important to evaluate everything through Scripture?

Reflect

- What is currently shaping my perspective on the world?
 - Do I look to God's Word first or other sources?
 - Where do I need to renew my thinking?
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SECTION 5 — STAY ON MISSION: PREACH THE GOSPEL

Focus

“The gospel must first be preached to all nations.”

Read

Mark 13:10, Matthew 28:19–20, Romans 10:14–15

Respond

1. According to Mark 13:10, what must happen before the end?
2. In Matthew 28:19–20, what does Jesus command His followers to do?
3. According to Romans 10:14–15, why is sharing the gospel necessary?
4. Based on these passages, what is the primary mission of every believer?
5. Why must this mission remain a priority?

Reflect

- Do I see myself as someone sent to share the gospel?
 - Who in my life needs to hear about Jesus?
 - What is one step I can take to be more intentional about this mission?
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FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

Jesus calls His Church to live with clarity and purpose.

- Take heed so you are not deceived
- Watch so you remain spiritually alert
- Stay on mission until He returns

The question is not just what is happening in the world.

The question is:

“What do You want me to do until You come?”

Stay grounded in the Word.

Stay alert in the Spirit.

Stay faithful to the mission.