

Don't Mean Nothin'! (PTs I & II)

Overcoming In a Spiritually Hostile Time

I. Introduction

Key Question: Why are we quite possibly entering a potentially spiritually hostile season?

Answer: Because we've now exchanged a _____ in the _____ for one who is---at best---totally _____ to the cause of Christ, and is---in many ways---an enemy of the Gospel of Christ in America.

II. Understanding the History and Lessons From the Vietnam War

III. 2021 'Don't Mean Nothin'—Maintaining the Necessary Mission and Perspective In 2021 and Beyond

1. Regardless of what the future holds for the church, _____

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16 (NKJV)

2. Despite the fear, turmoil and uncertainty, expect God to _____

*"Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." **And when the Apostles had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.** Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. Nor was there anyone among them who lacked..." Acts 4:29-34*

Key thought: God always seems to move most powerfully when things appear to be very dark. He is not limited by natural circumstances, and---in fact---gets more glory by confounding the purported "*wisdom of the wise.*" (See I Corinthians 1:18-31). Remember Joseph, Moses and the Egyptian plagues, Daniel in the Lion's Den, The three Hebrew boys, Paul and Silas in prison (Acts 16).

3. In our spiritual battle, remember the persons on your _____

*"Therefore I (Nehemiah) positioned men behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; and I set the people **according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows**. And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. **Remember the Lord**, great and awesome, and **fight for your brethren**, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses." **Nehemiah 4:13-14 (NKJV)***

*"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. **Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves**. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. **Let this mind and attitude be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...**" **Philippians 2:1-5***

4. In the days ahead, remember to keep your eyes on the next _____

*"**Let your eyes look straight ahead**, and your eyelids look right before you. Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. **Do not turn to the right or the left**; Remove your foot from evil." **Proverbs 4:25-27 (NKJV)***

*"Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and My house to lie in ruins?" **Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways!"** **Haggai 1:3-5***

*"**See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil**. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit..." **Ephesians 5:15-18 (NKJV)***

5. Make a clear and conscious decision today concerning which _____

*"And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, **choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve**, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. **But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD**." **Joshua 24:15 (NKJV)***

*"**Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward**. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: "For yet a little while, and **He who is coming (Jesus) will come and will not delay**. Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." **Hebrews 10:35-38 (NKJV)***

DEAR FRIENDS, REGARDLESS OF ANY UNBIBLICAL POLICIES OR FUTURE PERSECUTION, REMEMBER THESE THINGS "DON'T MEAN NOthin'"---GOD IS ALWAYS IN CONTROL, AND THE WICKEDNESS OF MAN WILL NEVER PREVAIL!

Answer Key:

I. Introduction

Friend---White House

Indifferent

III. 2021 'Don't Mean Nothin'—Maintaining the Necessary Mission and Perspective Here In 2021 and Beyond

- 1. remember the mission**
- 2. move supernaturally**
- 3. right and left**
- 4. step in front of you**
- 5. side you're on**