

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Stop! Look! Listen!
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Holy Spirit is saying to stop, look and listen, just like you would before crossing railroad tracks. Stop – quit doing what you are doing for a moment. This is a critical place to see how God is moving and hear what He is saying. Habakkuk says that he stands on his rampart to keep watch. It is a place of peering to know what movement is going on. Habakkuk goes on to say that he looks to see what the Lord is going to say. God says to Jeremiah again and again, what do you see Jeremiah?

Jesus said many times throughout the gospels, “He who has a listening ear, let him hear.” This is not some generic statement for “hey, everybody, listen up”. Jesus is calling for His people to take careful heed – to stop and to look and to listen.

Prophetically we are in a place of crossing through some things. Just like you would not blindly cross a railroad track, take the time to look to see what is coming, what is moving, what it is and where it is going. Use wisdom. Pay attention.

Interestingly the definition of being railroaded is to force something to be officially approved or accepted without much discussion or thought; to force someone into doing something quickly or without enough information. We are seeing a lot of railroading going on in our nation and in the earth right now. It makes sense that it is wise to stop, look and listen. See what God is doing and hear what He is saying. If you don't, you could be blindsided by a fast moving and forceful train. Do not let culture or narratives railroad you. By stopping to look and listen you are less likely to find yourself backed into a corner and wonder, how did I get here?

Reminder of prophetic wisdom for 2021:

- Look around the corner before you go around the corner.
- Do not run ahead without looking.
- Come into a new place of seeing – Psalm 102 says even the heavens change.
- Be willing to walk a new way.
- Anticipate by Holy Spirit.
- Outwit the enemy.
- Choose your mindset.
- Let the Spirit lead.
- God is giving us new favor to go to war to overturn the decrees set against us.

You will derail the narrative train of the enemy with the narrative of God. Stop, look and listen. The enemy's heart will melt with fear and his courage will be drained. A prophetic ear hears the plans of the enemy – stop, look and listen.

2 Kings 6.8-12 NIV

⁸ Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, “I will set up my camp in such and such a place.”

⁹ The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: “Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there.” ¹⁰ So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. **Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.**

¹¹ This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?"

¹² "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but **Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom.**"

Jeremiah 11.18 NIV

¹⁸ **Because the LORD revealed their plot to me, I knew it,** for at that time he showed me what they were doing.

James 1.5 TLB

⁵ **If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him, and he will gladly tell you,** for he is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask him; he will not resent it.

Proverbs 2.1-2 TLB

¹⁻² **Every young man who listens to me and obeys my instructions will be given wisdom and good sense.**

Proverbs 4.10 TLB

¹⁰ **My son, listen to me and do as I say, and you will have a long, good life.**

Colossians 4.2 TLB

² **Don't be weary in prayer; keep at it; watch for God's answers,** and remember to be thankful when they come.

Colossians 1.10-12, 2.6-7 NIV

¹⁰ ...walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ **strengthened with all power,** according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously ¹² **giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us** to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

⁶ Therefore **as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,** ⁷ having been **firmly rooted and now being built up** in Him and **established** in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and overflowing with gratitude.*

For I have made you a command post and you will release my assignments and you will call forth a battalion from the north and a battalion from the south and a battalion from the east and one from the west. Release My sound, Release My command, and many will come ready to respond. For I have put authority in your words and My command in your mouth and you will hear it with your ear and you will be ones who will look and see and discern correctly. My army will arise and will synergize all across this nation for already I have released the orders – it cannot be stopped and the decree can not be taken back.

We declare that the word of the Lord is over Detroit and over our nation. The army of God is advancing over the top of this land. We declare that this nation belongs to the Lord. This nation will not be railroaded by deceiving narratives of the enemy. Truth will prevail in this land and over the people.