



## CELL GUIDE

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**TOPIC** Kingdom Disciples

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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## Introduction

We need wisdom from God to thrive in these turbulent end-times. In previous weeks, we have also learnt that wisdom comes from knowing and understanding God. To thrive and be victorious in these times, we must learn to be Kingdom Disciples who first walk with the Lord before going out to walk in the world. This means sustaining a life-style of **Magnifying**, **Adoring**, and **Proclaiming** the Lord.

In this sermon, SP Daniel Foo elaborates on what it means to Magnify, Adore, and Proclaim the Lord, so that we might sustain a life-style that will allow us to thrive in these turbulent times.

## M.A.P. to thrive in turbulent times

### A. **MAGNIFY**

- **Our Confidence to come into the Presence of God is always by the Blood of Jesus and through the Lord Jesus, our High Priest**
  - ✓ Our confidence comes not of our own efforts, but is always rooted in the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Decide to Magnify the Lord with a Spirit of Gratitude**
  - ✓ We Magnify the Lord when we give thanks to Him for what He has done for us and for what He has given to us. (Ps 138:2)
- **Decide to Magnify the Lord with our Praises at all times**
  - ✓ We Magnify the Lord when we give Him praise for who He is. (Heb 13:15)
- **Decide to Magnify the Lord by surrendering to Him in worship**
  - ✓ We Magnify the Lord when we are so focused on giving Him thanks and praising His name, that our wants and our problems fade into insignificance as the Lord takes up all of our vision. We Magnify the Lord when we decrease, as He increases. (Jn 3:30)
- **The Outcome of Magnifying the Lord, is Rejuvenation**
  - ✓ As we enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with Praise (Ps 100:4), we will find that in His presence, there is fullness of joy (Ps 16:11). And as we bask in his presence, we will find that the joy of the Lord is our strength (Neh 8:10), and indeed, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Ph 4:13).

## B. ADORE

- **First, Receive and Experience the Love of God**

- ✓ None of us can love God on our own, of our own strength. Just as our confidence to enter His presence is because of Christ and not ourselves, our ability to love is not that we love God, but that He loved us and sent His son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 Jn 4:10)
- ✓ This is because the Origin of Love, the Fountain of Love, the Source of Love, is God Himself. And if we abide in love, then we abide in God, and God abides in us also. (1 Jn 4:16)

- **Only then can we love God as our Response to Him. Because He First loved us**

- ✓ The focus, then, is not on our own feeble performance of love, but on God and His love and faithfulness.

- **And then, we can love others with the love of God**

- ✓ Because the love of God has already been poured out into our hearts. (Rom 5:5)

- **If we fail to experience and abide in the love of God...**

- ✓ We revert to a kind of love that is carnal, corrupt, and natural. A love that manifests itself in performance, in dead works and religious practices. (Heb 6:1)

- **When we receive and experience the love of God...**

- ✓ The love of God surpasses our understanding and fills us with the fullness of God. (Eph 3:19)

- **The Outcome of Adoring the Lord, is Revelation**

- ✓ Revelation doesn't come to the natural mind, but to the renewed mind who is surrendered to God. To those who love God, God has prepared things which the eye has not seen and the ear has not heard and which have not entered the heart of man. (1 Cor 2:9)

## C. PROCLAIM

- **Speak Forth what we Believe**

- ✓ Since we have the same Spirit of Faith, we are called to speak of what we believe. (2 Cor 4:13)

- **Proclaim our Position in Christ**

- ✓ I can come to God 24/7 through Jesus, my Righteousness
- ✓ I am deeply loved and completely forgiven in Christ
- ✓ I am highly favoured
- ✓ I am always protected in Christ Jesus
- ✓ I have access to Divine Wisdom
- ✓ I walk in Divine healing, health and life
- ✓ I am always blessed in Christ

- **Proclaim the Names, Attributes, and Goodness of God**

- ✓ The 7 Redemptive Names of God (Ps 23)
  - Jehovah-Rohi: The Lord is my Shepherd (v1a)
  - Jehovah-Jireh: The Lord will Provide (v1b)
  - Jehovah-Shalom: The Lord is our Peace (v2)
  - Jehovah-Tsidkenu: The Lord, our Righteousness (v3b)
  - Jehovah-Rapha: The Lord who heals (v3a)
  - Jehovah-Shammah: The Lord who is always there (v4)

- Jehovah-Nissi: The Lord our Banner of Victory (v5)
- ✓ The 7 Attributes of Father-God (Ex 34:6-7)
  - Merciful, Gracious, Longsuffering, Abounding in Goodness, Abounding in Truth, Keeping Mercy for thousands, Forgiving Iniquity and Transgression and Sin.
- ✓ The 3 Streams of the Nature of God (Jer 9:24)
  - Lovingkindness, Judgement, Righteousness.
- ✓ The 3 Streams of the Redemptive Grace of Christ (Jn 14:6)
  - The Way, The Truth, The Life.
- ✓ The 3 Streams of the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer (2 Tim 1:7)
  - Power, Love, A Sound Mind
- **Proclaim the Finished Word of Christ on the Cross for Victorious Living**
  - ✓ That while we were dead in our sins and stuck in slavery, Christ came to destroy the works of the devil and to give us abundant life. (Col 2:13-14, Jn 10:10, 1 Jn 3:8, Heb 2:14-15)
- **Proclaim Blessings to one another**
  - ✓ Invoke the name of God as we bless. Invoke the word of God as we bless. Scriptures to bless by: Numbers 2:13-13, 2 Corinthians 13:14, 2 Peter 1:2, Philemon 1:3, 1 Timothy 1:2.
- **The Outcome of Proclaiming the Lord, is Reaping the Fruits of our Mouths**
  - ✓ Since we have the same Spirit of Faith, we believe that God is, and that He rewards those who seek Him. (Heb 11:6) That as we declare the words that God has already spoken, we will reap the fruits of our mouths. (Prov 18:21)

## Conclusion

God does not want us to just survive in turbulent times. He wants to give us an abundant life. He wants us to thrive, and how to do so has already been revealed in His word. We Magnify Him, through thanksgiving, praise, and worship. We adore Him, because He first loved us, and we proclaim His name, His attributes and His goodness. As we walk with God, Magnifying, Adoring, and Proclaiming Him in our daily lives, we come in before Him, before we go out into the world. Thus we will thrive, even in these turbulent times.

# QUESTIONS

Which of the three practices mentioned as part of Magnify have you tried this week? What difference did it make to how you began your day or week?

Share a time when the love of God was so great in your life that it naturally overflowed to others. What happened that made you feel that way? What revelation did you receive?

Which of the proclamations mentioned resonate most with you? How have you seen these proclamations manifest in your life? Which proclamations will you claim for yourself today?