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Spiritually Prepared

For the Big Earthquake or Other "Seismic" Event

READY



1. Know _____

2. Acquire _____

3. Expect _____



Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. What are some of the fears that take hold in the hearts of non-Christians when large-scale tragedies strike?

What are some of the reasons our response as Christians should be different?

2. How have you grown spiritually since the last major fearful event struck your life? How would you handle that crisis differently were it to happen now?
3. Read **Philippians 4:6-7**. Describe a situation in your life when you experienced this kind of transcendent peace because you clung to God instead of being devastated by your circumstances.

Describe a situation wherein you forfeited that peace because your "hope" was in the wrong place.

4. Read **1 Timothy 6:17-19**. In your own words, how would you advise Christians in affluent Orange County to relate to their "stuff" knowing it could be taken away by a single disaster?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this
week's schedule:

January 3rd

Gen. 5-7 & Mt. 3

January 4th

Gen. 8-9 & Mt. 4

January 5th

Gen. 10-11 & Mt. 5

January 6th

Gen. 12-13 & Mt. 6

January 7th

Gen. 14-15 & Mt. 7

January 8th

Gen. 16-17 & Mt. 8

January 9th

Gen. 18-19 & Mt. 9

January 10th

Gen. 20-21 & Mt. 10

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0127 – ***When Disaster Strikes: How to Respond to a National Calamity***

CD # 0234 – ***Why God Doesn't Make All Your New Years "Happy"***

CD # 0222 – ***When Life Takes a Left Turn: Holding Tight to the Right Perspective***

CD # 0223 – ***When Life Takes a Left Turn: Connecting with God's Sustaining Resources***

*Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)*

Bridges, Jerry. ***Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts***. NavPress, 1988.

Carson, D. A. ***How Long, O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil***. Baker Books, 1990.

Elliot, Elisabeth. ***A Path Through Suffering***. Servant Publications, 1990.

Feinberg, John A. ***Deceived by God? A Journey Through Suffering***. Crossway Books, 1997.

Lewis, C. S. ***The Problem of Pain***. Macmillan Publishing, 1962.

McCartney, Dan G. ***Why Does It Have to Hurt? The Meaning of Christian Suffering***. P & R Publishing, 1998.

Tada, Joni Eareckson. ***When God Weeps: Why Our Suffering Matters to the Almighty***. Zondervan, 1997.

Wiersbe, Warren, ed. ***Classic Sermons on Suffering***. Kregel Publishing, 1984.

Wilson, Doug. ***Joy at the End of the Tether: The Inscrutable Wisdom of Ecclesiastes***. Canon Press, 1999.

Zacharias, Ravi. ***Cries of the Heart: Bringing God Near When He Feels so Far***. Word Books, 1998.

www.earthquake.gov (The United States Geological Survey's website that monitors and reports local seismic events.)

www.earthquake.gov/learning/preparedness (The USGS's basic preparedness information for home and businesses.)