Surviving The World Around Us

John Brumfield · James 1:12–18

INTRODUCTION

- Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial. For when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.
- What I propose to you this evening is that we're in a life of survival. We're in a life that we are tempted on a daily basis, like we read in James.
- How do we survive the world? What do we have in our spiritual survival kit that's going to help us go out into the world and ultimately make the final goal, which is heaven.

1 Our Shelter Is the Church

1 Thessalonians 5:12–23

- In our spiritual survival kit, our shelter is the church. It's a place that we can come together. We learn from each other. We inspire each other.
- Admonish the idle, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.
- They were to reach out to each other. They were to help each other during those times of temptation during those times of trial.
- The place that we come and visit isn't a building. It's the people that are up here. It's the people that you're sitting next to. That's our shelter.

2 Our Fire Is Our Work Inside the Church

Galatians 6:1–10

- Ultimately, our fire is our work inside the church.
- Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up.
- Each one of the people up here is the fire of the church. Each one of the people that's up here is what makes our shelter warm.
- Imagine yourself up there because you are the fire that keeps this building warm.
- Everyone plays a part here, no matter if it's just coming and encouraging, shaking someone's hand.

3 Our Food Is the Word of God

2 Timothy 3:10–17

- In our survival situation, our spiritual survival, our food is the word of God.
- We have the food that we can continue eating and continue eating. And we never get full of it.
- As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed.

- Have your own private study. Because this right here is key to your survival. God's word is key to your survival.

4 Our First Aid Is Prayer

Philippians 4:4–7

- For this one, we have prayer. A direct line with a great healer. That's our first aid.
- Do not be anxious about anything. But in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God.
- When we're sick, we pray. When we're falling into temptation, we need to pray.
- If another brother or sister is hurt, what do you do? You try to heal them. You pray for them.
- If there's a time that you're starting to struggle, if there's a time that you're starting to feel weak, tempted, not going to make it out alive, go to a room and pray.

5 Our Water Is Our Salvation Through Baptism

Romans 6:1–5

- You cannot survive without water. And in any type of survival situation, water is the first thing that people try to find.
- It's our salvation through baptism. Your survival kit starts with your salvation through baptism.
- We all know that baptism is essential. We all know that we cannot make it out of here alive without baptism.
- We were buried, therefore, with him by baptism into death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

THE CHALLENGE

If you were to die tonight, what would happen to your soul? If you know the answer to that, you know what the answer is, you know what you need to do about it.

MY NOTES