

**Week 10**

Joel 2 Lifestyle

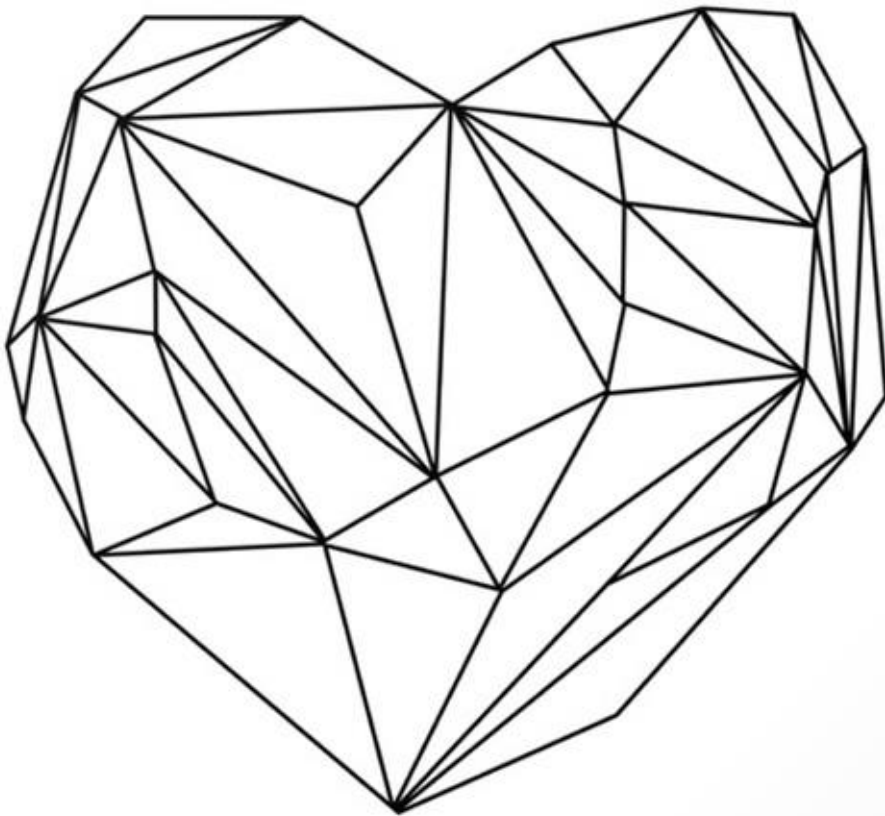
**BE DILIGENT  
TO PRESS  
IN**

**FOR UNDERSTANDING**

**JOEL 1:2 *HEAR THIS, YOU ELDERS,  
AND GIVE EAR, ALL YOU INHABITANTS  
OF THE LAND!...***

The first thing Joel exhorted the elders and inhabitants of Judah to do was to pay close attention to his message. In today's context, it is a call for us to understand what God is saying to His people from book of Joel.

*It is a call to hear God's heart.*





# THE HOLY SPIRIT

It takes the work of the Holy Spirit for our hearts to fully grasp the message. It takes the grace of God to enable us to fully hear this message and understand with clarity. We need to handle the information we receive with utmost care, and ask God to help us hear. If not, we may end up dismissing or forgetting it.

If we experience an initial stirring of God with regard to this message, then we must pursue it until our hearts are gripped by revelation and deep understanding.

Matthew 5:6 says “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”

This is a kingdom principle - those who are hungry will get more! We want to keep on asking, seeking and knocking until God releases the fullness of all that He has prepared for us.



**LORD, MAY OUR HEARTS BURN AT THE  
OPENING OF THE SCRIPTURES JUST  
LIKE THE DISCIPLES ON THE ROAD TO  
EMMAUS (LUKE 24:32)!**

Like what happened to Joel in his day, what we are about to face will be unfamiliar and unprecedented.

We are entering a new season on the divine calendar where there will be drastic changes on the earth.

God will allow things and events to happen that will shake everything that can be shaken, so that nations will turn to the Desire of All Nations (Heb.12:26-27, Haggai 2:6-7). Indeed, we are living in a unique time frame with no previous point of reference to turn to.



The book of Joel gives us lessons that are helpful and crucial. We need to intentionally and deliberately cultivate understanding of Joel's End-Time "Day of the Lord" message. We need to diligently study the book of Joel.

There will be many who question the need to study the message of Joel and live out the Joel 2 lifestyle. They will come from both within and outside the Church.



Their worldview  
will not be  
aligned with the  
Scriptures but  
according to their  
own  
understanding.

They will  
question your  
lifestyle of  
wholehearted  
love, prayer and  
fasting.

**“WHY ARE YOU SO EXTREME?”**

**“THIS IS TOTALLY UNNECESSARY AND OVERBOARD!”**

**"AIYAH, THINGS WILL BE OK LAH, LIFE WILL CARRY ON!"**

In 2 Peter 3:3-5, the scoffers perpetuated the lie that everything will continue as it had always been. They forgot that God rules His kingdom and the universe by His Word.

**HIS WORD WILL SURELY COME TO PASS AND  
ALL MUST TAKE HEED AND CHOOSE GOD'S WAYS  
AND STANDARDS.**

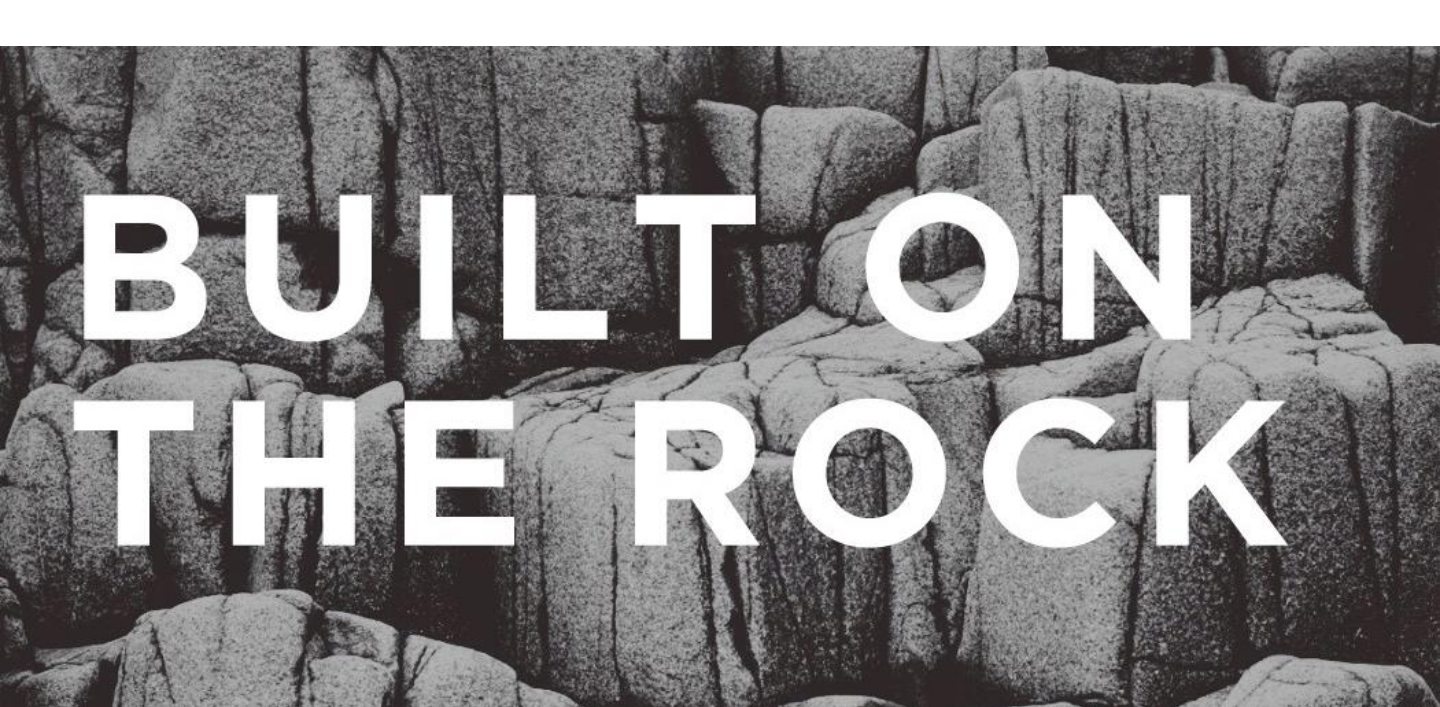


In Matthew 24, Jesus likened the generation we are living in to that of Noah's (Matt. 24:37-39). He warned us to watch and take heed.

Is there something we can learn from Noah?

Noah understood and embraced a prophetic message that was totally unprecedented and unfamiliar in his times. God warned Noah of impending judgment that will come in the form of torrential rain that would last forty days and nights. In a land where people had never experienced rain before, God instructed Noah to build an ark.





# BUILT ON THE ROCK

Despite the mocking of his peers, Noah chose to obey God. He moved with godly fear and acted on God's word. He was so convinced of God's word that he radically changed the way he lived, centering his time and energy on God and what matters to Him. So for the next 60 to 100 years, Noah was building the ark on dry land!

Like Noah, God is calling us to build an ark - through our lives of wholehearted love and extravagant devotion in the place of prayer, lives that will awaken others to the times and seasons and what is coming!

Like Noah, there is a great need to first understand and embrace the prophetic message of this hour, even if it is unfamiliar and unprecedented.

**MAY WE EMBRACE GOD'S MESSAGE, AND PRESS  
IN DILIGENTLY FOR UNDERSTANDING!**

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# Readings and Prayers for the week

## Readings for Week 10

- Read 2 Peter 3:3-5. Are there “scoffing” voices in your life or in your mind that are telling you that what the Scriptures say is too extreme? What will you do when scoffers “confront” you? How can you stand firm on God’s Word and choose to live according to what God requires?

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## Prayers for Week 10

- Pray that the Church will have understanding of what Jesus means when He likens our generation to that of Noah’s (Matt. 24:7-39).
- And that she will respond with godly fear even as she hears what the Spirit is saying (Hebrews 11:7).