

# ***What Would Jesus Say to Living Hope?***

## ***Part 2***

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Series: *Knowing Tomorrow—Living Today*

**“He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”**

Jim Elliot (October 28, 1949)

*“And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?”*

*Luke 9:23–25 ESV*

### **I. Keys to \_\_\_\_\_ in Difficult Times**

#### **What Jesus Does Not Say**

##### **1. He does not say \_\_\_\_\_**

*“The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.” Proverbs 22:3 ESV*

##### **2. He does not say \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.”*

*Matthew 26:52 ESV*

(Also: Isaiah 53:7)

### **II. Four Keys to \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **1. Always Keep \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus**

*“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.’”*

*Revelation 2:8 ESV*

*“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Revelation 22:13 ESV*

*“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”*

*Romans 8:18 ESV*

#### **2. Be Willing to Embrace \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus**

*“I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.”*

*Revelation 2:9 ESV*

**Six Types of Slander: Cannibalism, Lust & Immorality, Breaking Up Homes, Atheism, Political Disloyalty and Incendiarism.**

**Living in such an antagonistic environment,  
would make making a living as a church difficult with poverty resulting.**

*“And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.””*  
Luke 12:15 ESV

**3. Trust Jesus With the \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.”*  
Revelation 2:10 ESV

*“and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.”*  
2 Timothy 2:26 ESV

**4. Hold Onto What \_\_\_\_\_**

*“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.”*  
Revelation 2:11 ESV

*“For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?”* Luke 9:25 ESV

*“O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!”*  
Psalm 39:4 ESV

*“And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”*  
Revelation 20:15 ESV

**Will I Serve Jesus at All Cost?**

*“Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.”*  
Revelation 2:10 ESV