

Signs of the Times

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We download every app out there to get the latest in technology and to stay current or up-to-date with the best “help us function” in this or that arena as well, there’s always an update for our gadgets so that we can stay up to speed, be more efficient, and steer away from bugs and viruses. We are looking for a sign to show us what to do next. We are looking for the easiest, next, new thing to help us get along better. In **Matthew 16**, Jesus reminds us of the saying “red sky at night, sailors delight, red sky in the morning, sailors warning.”

Then He says that we know how to interpret weather but we don’t know how to interpret the signs of the times! He call us an **evil generation** wanting to have a sign from heaven to prove His authority and that He is moving in our lives.

Don’t get me wrong, technology has come so far and there are a lot of things that make life easier than it used to be – but I got to thinking... do I have an inward need to have a sign from the Lord to prove anything in my life or am I ok to know that He’s got me and He is faithful to supply my ever need as the time becomes right? Am I too focused on looking for an update or hot button?

Jesus didn’t wait around to hear any discussion from this time of His teaching and correcting. Which gives me the impression that there will be times when what He gives me and/or tells me is not up for discussion – I’m simply to believe and be obedient.

If I’m more consumed with looking for a sign, I’m liable to miss a perfect opportunity because I’m too hung up on the fact that the stars didn’t align. We shouldn’t wake up each day and see what our horoscope says and base how bad our day will be on the looks of it or our bank account or the weather. Friends, we shouldn’t even gauge our days on family or loved ones that aren’t with us & should have been or are not doing well and haven’t been healed. I know this is somewhat harsh, but Jesus said “follow Me” and He said there is no room for looking back when He has a road ahead of you for today.

One day at a time – each day’s portion is already planned out for you from God’s throne room but the tread marks we make determine where the day will end and what the outcome will be. God is gracious and able to lead us – but we have to allow Him to, not allow circumstances, weather, politics, finances, family/friend relationships, the latest update or gadget to depict our outcome. That will lead to undue stress and mountains of worry and it will cause us to lose ourselves if we aren’t careful.

Father, thank You for helping me start today off by focusing on You and what I know to be true that You have blessed me and You lead me into paths of righteousness for Your names sake! Thank You that You believe in me enough to carve out my plans for today ahead of me and that You are constantly working things out for my good. I choose to look at You – and know that the signs of Your glory are all around me – shaping me, protecting me, moving me, and loving me. Your sign – is Your life breathing and living breath through me!! I give You honor for today – and pray You take me all the way through it in Jesus matchless name – Amen!

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