**“Living for eternity pt.4”**

Part 1:

Title: Many Will Come

Scripture: “For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many.” Matthew 24:5 NIV

Observation: Jesus warns that as the end of days draws near a great deception will come. False prophets will arise and claim to be the Messiah. They will even perform miracles and signs; but even so they will be Anti-Christs.

Application: Do you know Jesus well enough to not be deceived? Do you meet with Him in prayer and Bible reading so much that you would be able to identify an imposter? We must take great care to know the real Jesus so that we will not be fooled by Anti-Christs in the coming days.

Prayer: Ask God to help you know Him deeper. Ask Him to keep you from all deception and assure you walk in truth.

Part 2:

Title: Do Not Be Alarmed

Scripture: “You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.” Matthew 24:6

Observation: The Bible tells us that the world around us will grow increasingly more chaotic as Jesus’ return draws near. We must not only endure these things, but prepare for Christ’s return. Our question should not be ‘God why is this happening’ but ‘God what should I be doing?’ These are times where Christians must grow in boldness and declare that Jesus is the only way to Heaven.

Application: As you see the news and hear about the chaos around us, what is your first reaction? Do you find your faith in Jesus growing or faltering as bad new breaks? What is God instructing you to do in these last days?

Prayer: Repent of your sin. Ask God to show you what He wants you to do in the coming days.

Part 3: Stand Firm to the End

Title:

Scripture: “**12**Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, **13**but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.” Matthew 24:12-13 NIV

Observation: It is no secret that the world will grow increasingly more evil as the return of Jesus draws near. The Bible plainly states this. Jesus promises that those of us who stand firm, remain in His love, and share His love with others will be saved! This is no easy task to keep compassionate hearts while the love of the world grows cold; but with Christ’s strength we can do it.

Application: How do you stand firm while the love of the world grows colder? What challenges does this pose in your daily life? What are some of the things you do to stay locked into God’s love, and let that love flow out of your life? What is one area where you need to get better at showing God’s love?

Prayer: Ask God to soften your heart and allow His compassion to flow out of you.