

## **A WORD WITH YOU - By Ron Hutchcraft**

### **# 10213r – “Dangerous Times, Destiny Times”**

**2 Timothy 1:7,8; 4:1-5**

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I was writing an article last night and all of a sudden this flood of thoughts just came rushing into my brain. I never did finish that article and I ended up writing something else. You're about to hear what came flooding into my brain, because it's what's been going on in the world.

We all know, look at the news. The world is like exploding. And this is the conflict in the Middle East right now, dominates the news – and the hearts of a lot of people.

The world is once again, we've been here before, plunged into a season of unnerving peril and uncertainty. Not long ago, remember? I know you do, it was a mutated virus. This time it's drones and missiles and terror.

I'm Ron Hutchcraft, and I want to have **A WORD WITH YOU** today, about **“Dangerous Times, Destiny Times.”**

And the Apostle Paul's sober warning to his young protégé Timothy echoes across the centuries at times like these: “In the last days, perilous times will come” (2 Timothy 3:1).

He went on to describe why it would be so dangerous as history's fourth quarter approaches. It's not because of weapons or wars. But because of what *people* will become.

The description here, I'll have to say, is disturbingly familiar.

He said, “People will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving. . . and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good.”

You know I can probably go on social media right now and find everything I just read about.

But don't you get the feeling that there's something much bigger going on here than just global politics and converging crises? Maybe you're feeling what I'm feeling . . .

*There's something profoundly spiritual going on in our world right now. In our world, in our time! Like something climactic.*

I don't have words for it. Except to say – our world is increasingly starved for a Messiah. Someone who can fix what seems hopelessly broken.

But we're increasingly disillusioned with all the messiahs we've tried, all the things and people we thought might be a messiah for us.

And waiting at the threshold of human history – and billions of fearful hearts – there stands Jesus. Returning one day to the world that the Bible says, “crucified the Lord of glory” (1 Corinthians 2:8). But this time coming as “King of kings and Lord of lords” (Revelation 19:16). To a world described in Biblical prophecies as remarkably like our own.

So my bottom line is simple: *all that really matters is what will matter when Jesus comes!* Now the truth is, a lot that *won't* matter then tends to matter too much to us. And a lot that *will* matter then kinda gets pushed to the margins.

Now, once again, I hear Paul's voice, this time giving Timothy his marching orders.

It's our word for today from the Word of God, It's in 2 Timothy chapter 1:7,8; 4:1-5 “God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline. So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. . . I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead. . . preach the Word of God. . . work at telling others the Good News” .

Man I want to see what Jesus sees when He looks at the people in my world. I want to see those “Sheep without a shepherd.” “Lost.” “Perishing.”

In Him, we have the Hope people have despaired of ever finding. We have the peace that defies the storm. We have the love that finally fills these empty hearts of ours. We have the Message that changes eternities!

Friends, we have the *Gospel!*

And with our eyes on the fourth quarter game clock, we need to be *spreading* that Good News as never before! Faster. Farther. Better.

God has assigned us here “for such a time as this.” Hard times? Yes. But it's *harvest* time!

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