# What Kind of Men ought we to be?

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Ephesians 5:15-18

Look carefully then how you walk,

not as unwise but as wise,

making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

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Therefore, do not be foolish,

but understand what the will of the Lord is.

and do not be drunk with wine, for there in is debauchery, but *be filled with the Spirit*.

### God is Looking for Men

#### General Life Guidance:

- Young David (1 Samuel 16:18)
- Men pursuing (2 Timothy 2:22: Paul to Timothy)
- Young men (Titus 2:1-2: Paul to Titus)
- Old men (Titus 2:6-8: Paul to Titus)
- Young men (1 Timothy 4:12, 15, 16: Paul to Timothy)

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#### In my situation:

- **David:** Acts 13:26
- Paul: Acts 20:24; 2 Timothy 4:7
- Hebrews 12:1

## Redeem the times... SEEK HIM

#### Hebrews 11.6

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that **He rewards those who seek Him.**  Redeem the times... SEEK HIM

Isaiah 55:6
Seek Yahweh while He may be found;
Call upon Him while He is near

Redeem the times... SEEK HIM

Jeremiah 33:3 Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known

### Redeem the times... SEEK HIS UNDERSTANDING

### Psalm 119.27, 104

<sup>34</sup> Give me **understanding**, that I may keep your law

And observe it with my whole heart. <sup>104</sup> Through Your precepts I get **understanding**.

### God is Looking for Men TO STRENGTHEN

### **Psalm 14:2**

Yahweh looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who **understand**, who **seek after God**. ...<u>God is with the generation of the righteous</u>.

### God is Looking for Men TO STRENGTHEN

#### 2 Chronicles 16.9

For the eyes of Yahweh run to and fro throughout the whole earth, **to give strong support** to those whose heart is blameless toward Him...

### God is Looking for Men WHO WILL BE WITH HIM

#### Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that **they had been with Jesus**.

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#### Mark 3:13-15

And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those whom He desired, that they came to Him. And He appointed twelve (whom He also named apostles) **so that they might be with Him** and He might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons.

### God is Looking for Men TO STRENGTHEN WITH UNDERSTANDING

God is looking for men who seek Him, men to strengthen with understanding as to how to live in their situation.

# God is Looking for Men ALONE WITH HIM

- Where in your life are you redeeming the time?
- Where in your life do you need to redeem the time?
- Are you seeking God?
- How are you seeking God?
- What kind of man are you desiring to be?
- Are there characteristics that God has given you to pursue?
- Is there a specific understanding or instruction that God has given you for the season or space that you're in?

# God is Looking for Men GROUP DEBRIEF

- Discuss your thoughts from time alone with God
- What are things your group has in common?
- How can you help each other seek after God

- If you need more to talk about, discuss this:
  - What we pursue defines us

# What Kind of Men ought we to be?

MEN WHO REDEEM THE TIME BY SEEKING GOD AND UNDERSTANDING HIS WAYS.