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## **WE NEED TO BE “ALWAYS READY”**

**Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Matthew 24:44 (ESV)**

Are you ready? This is a question we hear a lot as we go through life. Are you ready to go here or there? One motto of the fire service, which I am very familiar with, is “Always Ready”. We never knew when that next call for service was going to be, so we had to always be prepared. Boots and coat ready to put on, meals eaten quickly because we didn’t know when the bell might ring.

In this verse and the verses which precede these in Matthew, we are being told to be prepared for the second coming of Jesus. We do not literally need to stay awake, but we need to stay in the Word and continue to strengthen our faith so that when the Lord does come, we are focused on Him and not the things of this world. The world (Satan) wants nothing better than to distract us and lead us away from God and our faith. Scripture tells us that we need to be prepared and stay focused on God and strong in our faith so we can fight Satan’s temptations with His help.

We do not know when our time here on earth will end as we know it, whether that is when Jesus comes back or before. I challenge you to be in the Word daily. Set aside that special time when you can read your Bible and pray and get that knowledge you need from God to always be ready, for we do not know the hour which He is coming! Reading these devotions is a great way to start that habit!

***Prayer:*** Dear Father in Heaven, help me to be in the Word daily and put my trust in You so that when that hour comes, I have no fear that You will welcome me with open arms. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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