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REDEEMING THE TIME

As I awakened this morning, I heard the gentle voice of Holy Spirit say, “redeeming the day.” In studying the scriptures, in Ephesians 5:16 it says, “*Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*” The word redeeming is used only twice in scripture. It means to rescue from loss, to buy up, to improve opportunity.

So, what is the Lord saying? I honestly believe that the days we are in right now need to be used so carefully because we may have only a short time before many of our religious freedoms are taken away. Right now, there are mandates in America forbidding churches to assemble, and to forbid singing in churches. Little by little our freedoms as Christians are being diminished. How did this happen? It happened because the Church has produced very few fired up Christians that make a stand for God. It has become like Laodicea, neither hot nor cold. It has compromised with the world and lowered its standards.

So, how do we redeem the time? We see that the days are evil, there is no doubt of that, so we take the gospel to those that are in darkness and redeem them back through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. When a survey was taken that over 90% of those that call themselves Christians have never witnessed or led another soul to Christ, there is definitely something wrong with the Church. We have lost our “power to be a witness,” and have traded it for a feel-good gospel.

As leaders in the church it is not our job to make anyone feel good. It is our job to preach truth and stir up the gifts in people so they will redeem the time. We must repent as leaders that have not done this. We must repent as a church that has produced obese Christians, fat on the preaching, but lazy in the great commission.

How much time do we have? From what I have heard personally from Holy Spirit and from what others are saying, we may only have weeks before everything changes. Will you be one that redeems the time? Will you make a difference for Jesus Christ while you can? I pray your answer is yes. I would like to hear from you if you have witnessed to someone. Email me at spiritoflifeministriesintl@gmail.com